

Policy number	Policy 302
Policy title	Investment
Strategic outcomes supported	CL6 – Finances are managed appropriately, sustainably and transparently for the benefit of the community. CL8 – Visionary civic leadership with sound and accountable governance that reflects objective decision-making.

Policy objective:

To provide guiding policy for the investment of surplus funds.

Policy scope:

This policy applies to all employees who actively manage the Town's cash and investments or have the responsibility for employees who actively manage the Town's cash and investments

Policy definitions:

Nil.

Policy statement:

1. The Council of the Town of Victoria Park is committed to ensuring the Town's finances are managed appropriately, sustainably and transparently for the benefit of the community.
2. Council supports the investment of the Town's surplus funds, which seek to maximise the return to the Town whilst having due consideration for the risk and security of each investment; and ensuring the Town's liquidity requirements are met.

Practice Implications

3. Implementation of practices to demonstrate the following:
 - a. Preservation of capital (Investment management is to be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure security and safeguarding the investment portfolio. This includes managing credit and interest rate risk where applicable within identified threshold and parameters).
 - b. Liquidity (There is to be sufficient liquidity to meet all reasonably anticipated cash flow requirements as and when they fall due without incurring significant costs due to the unanticipated sale of an investment).
 - c. Investment return (Maximise returns within Council's risk appetite. Investments are expected to achieve a market average rate of return in line with the Council's risk tolerance).
 - d. Prudent financial management (Investment activities to be managed transparently with probity and good governance).

Related documents

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.14;
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;
The Trustees Act 1962 – Part III; and
 Australian Accounting Standards.

Responsible officers	Finance Manager Financial Controller
Policy manager	Chief Financial Officer
Approval authority	Council
Next evaluation date	

Revision history

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1	Adopted	28/11/1995	Council	-	-
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