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ITEM 8 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020

This report provides an overview of Council's investment portfolio performance for the months of November and December 2020.

Council's average weighted return for November 2020 was 0.17% which was above the benchmark return of 0.01%. The average weighted return for December 2020 was 0.05% which was above the benchmark return of 0.00%. This result was primarily due to positive marked to market valuation of the NSW TCorp Hourglass facilities. The remainder of Council's portfolio continues to provide a high level of consistency in income and a high degree of credit quality and liquidity.

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the Statement of Investment for November and December 2020.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Brian Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer

Authorised by: Ingrid Mcalpin, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Statement of Investment November and December 2020
- 2 Investment Income Compared to Budget 2020-2021

BACKGROUND

Council is required to invest its surplus funds in accordance with the Ministerial Investment Order and Division of Local Government guidelines. The Order reflects a conservative approach and restricts the investment types available to Council. In compliance with the Order and Division of Local Government guidelines, Council adopted an Investment Policy on 10 December 2018. The Investment Policy provides a framework for the credit quality, institutional diversification and maturity constraints that Council's portfolio can be exposed to. Council's investment portfolio was controlled by Council's Finance Division during the period to ensure compliance with the Investment Policy. Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's (ARIC) role of overseer provides for the review of Council's Investment Policy and the Management Investment Strategy.

Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to sign the complying Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying that all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

Council's investment holdings as at 27 November 2020 were \$169,346,954 (Statement of Investment attached) [29 November 2019 \$163,268,151] and as at 25 December 2020 were \$171,868,994 (Statement of Investment attached) [27 December 2019 \$156,763,145]

Council's average weighted return for November 2020 was 0.17% which was above the benchmark return of 0.01%. The average weighted return for December 2020 was 0.05% which was above the benchmark return of 0.00%. This result was primarily due to positive marked to market valuation of the NSW TCorp Hourglass facilities. The remainder of Council's portfolio continues to provide a high level of consistency in income and a high degree of credit quality and liquidity. The global markets are still experiencing unprecedented turmoil and volatility in the wake of COVID-19 and may still provide uncertainty for the foreseeable future.

At 25 December 2020, year to date interest and investment revenue of \$1,208,202 was recognised compared to the year to date budget of \$996,966. This significant variation is the result of a conservative COVID-19 cash flow scenario. The inflow of funds from rates was higher than initially anticipated resulting in additional interest income above the budget.



Council's 21 floating rate notes had a net increase in value of \$33,867 for November 2020 and a net decrease in value of \$51,788 for December 2020. During December, an additional two FRNs were purchased: a five year \$1.7M FRN with Bendigo Bank and a five year \$5M FRN with Macquarie Bank.

Council holds two Mortgaged Backed Securities (MBS) that recorded a net decrease in value of \$3,617 for November 2020 and a net increase in value of \$1,321 for December 2020. The coupon margins on these investments reflect pre-Global Financial Crisis (GFC) pricing. For example, the Emerald A is paying 45 basis points over the BBSW where a comparative investment is now paying 100 basis points over the BBSW. This is reflected in the coupon rates on both these investments. While the maturity dates are outside Council's control, the investment advisors had previously indicated that capital is not at risk at that stage and recommended a hold strategy due to the illiquid nature of the investment.

Council has two investment holdings under the NSW TCorp Hour Glass Facility: the Long-Term Growth Facility and the NSW TCorpIM Cash Fund. The Long-Term Growth recorded a net increase in value of \$121,944 in November and an increase in value of \$12,788 in December. The Cash Fund recorded a net increase in value of \$13,996 in November 2020 and a further increase of \$4,589 in December. The fluctuation in the Long-Term Growth Facility is a reflection of the current share market volatility both domestically and internationally and is diversified across a number of different asset classes that have differing risk and return characteristics. The TCorp Cash Fund generally provides relatively stable returns with low potential for capital loss while maintaining high levels of liquidity, similar to an at call account, and only invests in Australian cash and fixed interests.

At their December 2020 meeting, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) maintained the official cash rate at the record low of 0.10%. The RBA will continue to assess the outlook and adjust policy as needed to foster sustainable growth in demand and inflation outcomes consistent with the inflation target over time.

The current investment portfolio complies with Council's Investment Policy which was endorsed by Council on 10 December 2018. Council's Responsible Accounting Officer has signed the Statement of Investment contained within the report, certifying that all investments were made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2022 goal 'We are a connected and engaged community'. It specifically delivers on the following:

(Community Strategic Plan Strategy		very Program 2018-2022 4 Year Action	Operational Plan 2020-2021 Operational Plan Actions		
4.3.2	Resources (finance, technology, assets and	4.3.2.1	Effective and transparent financial management	Monitor and review achievement of Financial Strategy		
	people) are effectively managed to ensure long term financial sustainability		systems are in place	Continuous budget management is in place, controlled and reported		
				Provide accurate and timely financial reports monthly, quarterly and via the annual statement		
				Manage and further develop a compliance program to promote awareness and compliance with Council's procurement policies and procedures and other related policies		

CONCLUSION

The investments for November and December 2020 recorded an average weighted return above the annualised Bloomberg Bank Bill Index Benchmark and performed favourably when compared to the year to date budget.

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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT 27 November 2020

DIRECT INVESTMENTS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon Rate
NAB General Fund	A1+	-	4,256,738	General A/c	27/11/2020	27/11/2020	
NAB Professional Maximiser	A1+	-	35,035,686	Prof Fund A/c	27/11/2020	27/11/2020	0.50%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	14/03/2019	14/12/2020	2.73%
IMB Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	20/12/2019	18/12/2020	1.50%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/De posit	23/12/2019	23/12/2020	1.48%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	31/12/2020	1.25%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/01/2021	0.65%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/01/2021	0.45%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	21/02/2019	19/02/2021	2.80%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	28/11/2019	24/02/2021	1.55%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	1/03/2021	1.40%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	8/03/2021	0.99%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	28/04/2021	0.45%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/05/2021	0.45%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	28/11/2019	25/06/2021	1.55%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P STA1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	22/07/2021	0.66%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	30/07/2021	0.55%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/11/2021	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P STA1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	26/11/2021	0.54%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	2/12/2019	2/12/2021	0.97%
Bank of Queens land Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/01/2022	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/01/2022	0.55%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/11/2022	0.56%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2019	6/03/2024	2.83%
Total			99,292,425				

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Bond and Floating Rate Note Securities

DIRECT INVESTMENTS							
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Security	Purchase	Maturity Date	Interest / Coupon
Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd	S&P BBB	500,000	501,100	FRN	26/02/2019	26/02/2021	1.12%
Suncorp Bank	S&P A+	2,000,000	2,013,540	FRN	12/04/2016	12/04/2021	1.46%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	2,000,000	2,005,940	FRN	24/05/2016	24/05/2021	1.37%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,026,010	FRN	3/06/2016	3/06/2021	1.26%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,016,000	FRN	16/08/2016	16/08/2021	1.15%
Cre dit Union Australia Ltd	S&P BBB	1,200,000	1,212,996	FRN	6/09/2018	6/09/2021	1.34%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	1,500,000	1,506,360	FRN	10/09/2018	10/09/2021	1.17%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,510,170	FRN	16/11/2018	25/10/2021	0.79%
Cre dit Union Australia Ltd	Moodys Baa 1	1,000,000	1,014,950	FRN	4/03/2019	4/03/2022	1.32%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	3,000,000	3,004,830	FRN	30/03/2017	30/03/2022	1.14%
Suncorp Bank	S&P A+	1,500,000	1,520,295	FRN	30/08/2017	16/08/2022	0.99%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Fitch A-	3,000,000	3,038,040	FRN	12/12/2019	12/09/2022	0.94%
Bank Australia Limited	S&P BBB	4,000,000	4,009,360	FRN	2/12/2019	2/12/2022	0.99%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	1,000,000	1,019,300	FRN	9/05/2018	9/05/2023	0.92%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,071,280	FRN	26/09/2018	26/09/2023	1.01%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,535,955	FRN	16/11/2018	16/11/2023	0.97%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,058,040	FRN	6/12/2018	6/12/2023	1.12%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,054,060	FRN	19/06/2019	19/06/2024	1.01%
Macquarie Bank	Moodys A2	2,000,000	2,037,260	FRN	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	0.86%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	S&PA	516,521	413,243	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	0.47%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	S&PA	2,000,000	1,300,160	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	0.77%
Total			39,868,889				

Managed Funds

MANAGED FUNDS										
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Purchase Date	Monthly	FYTD (Actual)				
Tcorp IM Cash Fund Facility	N/A	27,697,188	27,697,188	28/06/2019	0.05%	0.28%				
Tcorp Long Term Growth Facility Trust	N/A	1,773,197	2,488,453	13/06/2007	5.15%	7.86%				
Total			30,185,640							

169,346,954 TOTAL INVESTMENTS

This is to certify that all of the above investments have been placed in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policies.

Brian Jenkins RESP ONS IBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

The maturity date provided is the weighted-average life of the security. This is the average amount of time that will elapse from the date of security's issuance until each dollar is repaid based on an actuarial assessment. Assessments are carried out on a regular basis which can potentially extend the life of the investment. Current assessments anticipate an extension of life of the investment.

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NAB General Fund	A1+	-	2,536,681	General A/c	25/12/2020	25/12/2020	
NAB Professiona Maximis er	A1+	-	28,610,874	Prof FundA/c	25/12/2020	25/12/2020	0.50%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	31/12/2020	1.25%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/01/2021	0.65%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/01/2021	0.45%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	21/02/2019	19/02/2021	2.80%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	28/11/2019	24/02/2021	1.55%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	1/03/2021	1.40%
We stpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2020	8/03/2021	0.92%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	28/04/2021	0.45%
IMB Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/05/2021	0.45%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	28/11/2019	25/06/2021	1.55%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P ST A1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	22/07/2021	0.66%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	30/07/2021	0.55%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys ST P-2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	14/12/2020	16/08/2021	0.55%
Members Equity Bank Ltd	S&P ST A2	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	23/12/2020	19/10/2021	0.50%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/11/2021	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P STA1+	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	26/11/2021	0.54%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	2/12/2019	2/12/2021	0.90%
Bank of Queensland Ltd	Moodys A3	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	25/09/2020	25/01/2022	0.80%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	4,000,000	4,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/01/2022	0.55%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	23/12/2020	22/04/2022	0.50%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	T/De posit	26/11/2020	25/11/2022	0.56%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	23/12/2020	23/12/2022	0.52%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	5,000,000	5,000,000	T/De posit	23/12/2020	23/12/2023	0.60%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	T/De posit	6/03/2019	6/03/2024	2.83%
Total			95,147,555				

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Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ltd	S&P BBB	500,000	501,200	FRN	26/02/2019	26/02/2021	1.12%
SuncorpBank	S&P A+	2,000,000	2,013,580	FRN	12/04/2016	12/04/2021	1.46%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	2,000,000	2,007,300	FRN	24/05/2016	24/05/2021	1.37%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,016,590	FRN	3/06/2016	3/06/2021	1.19%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,016,020	FRN	16/08/2016	16/08/2021	1.15%
Cre dit Union Austra lia Ltd	S&P BBB	1,200,000	1,209,156	FRN	6/09/2018	6/09/2021	1.27%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	1,500,000	1,503,420	FRN	10/09/2018	10/09/2021	1.10%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,510,140	FRN	16/11/2018	25/10/2021	0.79%
Cre dit Union Austra lia Ltd	Moodys Baa1	1,000,000	1,011,870	FRN	4/03/2019	4/03/2022	1.25%
AMP Bank Ltd	S&P BBB	3,000,000	3,007,620	FRN	30/03/2017	30/03/2022	1.14%
Sun corp Bank	S&P A+	1,500,000	1,520,055	FRN	30/08/2017	16/08/2022	0.99%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	Fitch A-	3,000,000	3,031,020	FRN	12/12/2019	12/09/2022	0.87%
Bank Australia Limite d	S&P BBB	4,000,000	4,002,280	FRN	2/12/2019	2/12/2022	0.92%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	1,000,000	1,018,450	FRN	9/05/2018	9/05/2023	0.92%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	3,000,000	3,069,120	FRN	26/09/2018	26/09/2023	1.01%
Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd	S&P AA-	1,500,000	1,534,410	FRN	16/11/2018	16/11/2023	0.97%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,050,360	FRN	6/12/2018	6/12/2023	1.05%
National Australia Bank Ltd	S&P AA-	2,000,000	2,047,160	FRN	19/06/2019	19/06/2024	0.93%
Macquarie Bank	Moodys A2	2,000,000	2,035,420	FRN	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	0.86%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	S&P BBB+	1,700,000	1,702,227	FRN	2/12/2020	2/12/2025	0.54%
Macquarie Bank	S&P A+	5,000,000	4,996,300	FRN	9/12/2020	9/12/2025	0.50%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	S&PA	516,521	413,423	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2051	0.47%
Emerald Reverse Mortgage Trust	S&PA	2,000,000	1,301,300	MBS	17/07/2006	21/08/2056	0.77%
Total			46,518,421				

Managed Funds

MANAGED FUNDS						
Investment Body	Rating	Purchase Price \$	Fair Value of Holding \$	Purch ase Date	Monthly	FYTD (Actual)
TcorpIMCash Fund Facility	N/A	27,701,777	27,701,777	28/06/2019	0.02%	0.29%
Tcorp Long Term Growth Facility Trust	N/A	1,773,197	2,501,241	13/06/2007	0.51%	8.41%
Total			30,203,017			

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