

Penrith City Council
Summary of Investments
March 2018

Commentary

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) met on 3 April 2018 and decided to leave the Official Cash Rate unchanged at 1.5%. The RBA has not changed the Official Cash Rate since the meeting held on 3 August 2016. The lower interest rate is focused on supporting the Australian Economy, as it would be consistent with sustainable growth in the economy and achieving the inflation target over time. Short term interest rates have increased due to the tightening of conditions in US dollar short-term money markets, with US dollar short-term interest rates increasing for reasons other than the increase in the federal funds rate.

Global inflation remains low with both CPI and Inflation running below 2% due to the low growth in labour costs and strong competition in retailing. Inflation is likely to increase as the economy strengthens. The unemployment rate has declined over the past year, but has steadied at around 5.5%. Wage rates remain low, which is likely to continue, although wage growth is expected to increase with the stronger economy. Non-mining business investing has increased with higher levels of public infrastructure investments supporting the economy.

Council's portfolio once again outperformed the (BBSW) Bank Bill Swap Rate benchmark during March. It continues to be monitored closely to ensure returns are maximised as opportunities become available.

The investment returns versus the benchmark for March are:

Council portfolio current yield (including FRNs)	2.53 %
90 day Bank Bill Swap rate (Benchmark)	1.93 %

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Historical Investment Performance

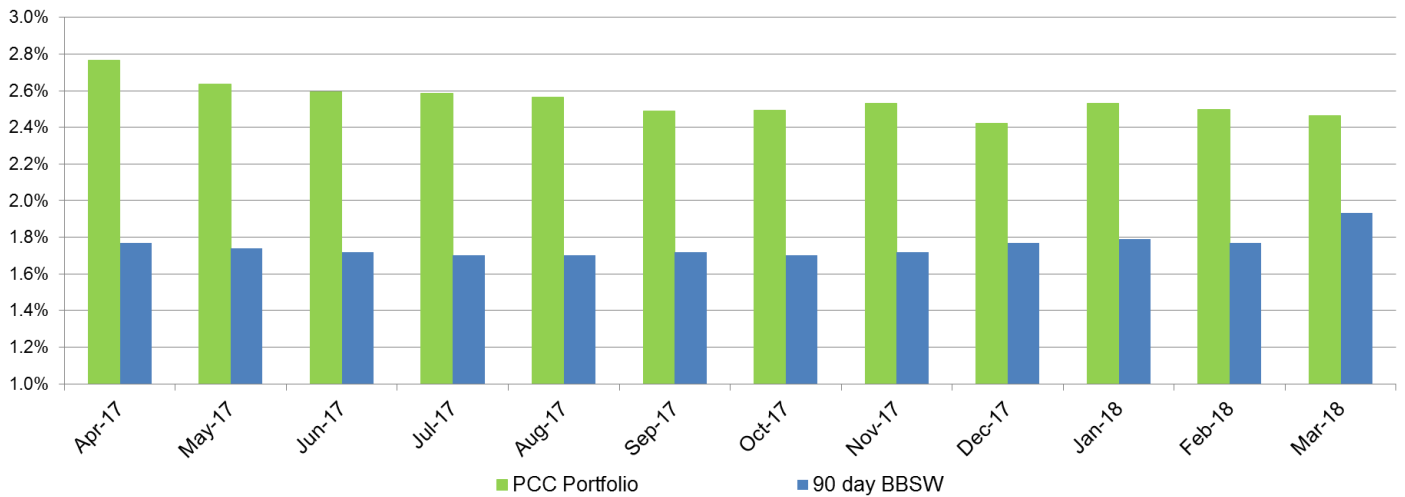
Table 1

	Actual Portfolio	Benchmark (BSW)
Current Portfolio Yield (including FRNs)	2.53%	1.93%
Past 12 Month Portfolio Performance	2.53%	1.75%
Portfolio Return for the Period	0.21%	0.16%

Portfolio Yield (Actual Versus Benchmark)

The weighted average income return on investments for the 12 months to March 2018 was 2.53%. This graph tracks performance over time and shows that yield has remained between 2.42% and 2.63% for the past year, well above the BBSW over the same period.

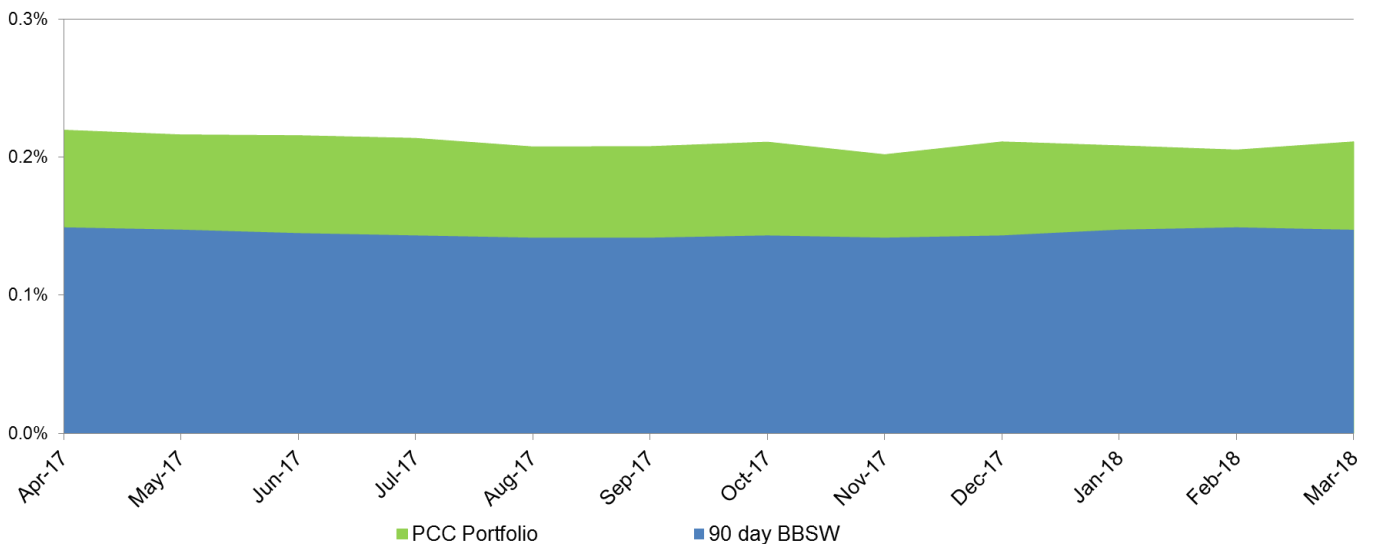
Graph 1



Portfolio Return for the Period (Actual Versus Benchmark)

The return for the period shows the current month's yield, together with the historic monthly yield for comparison purposes. The BBSW has increased in March to 1.93%.

Graph 1.1



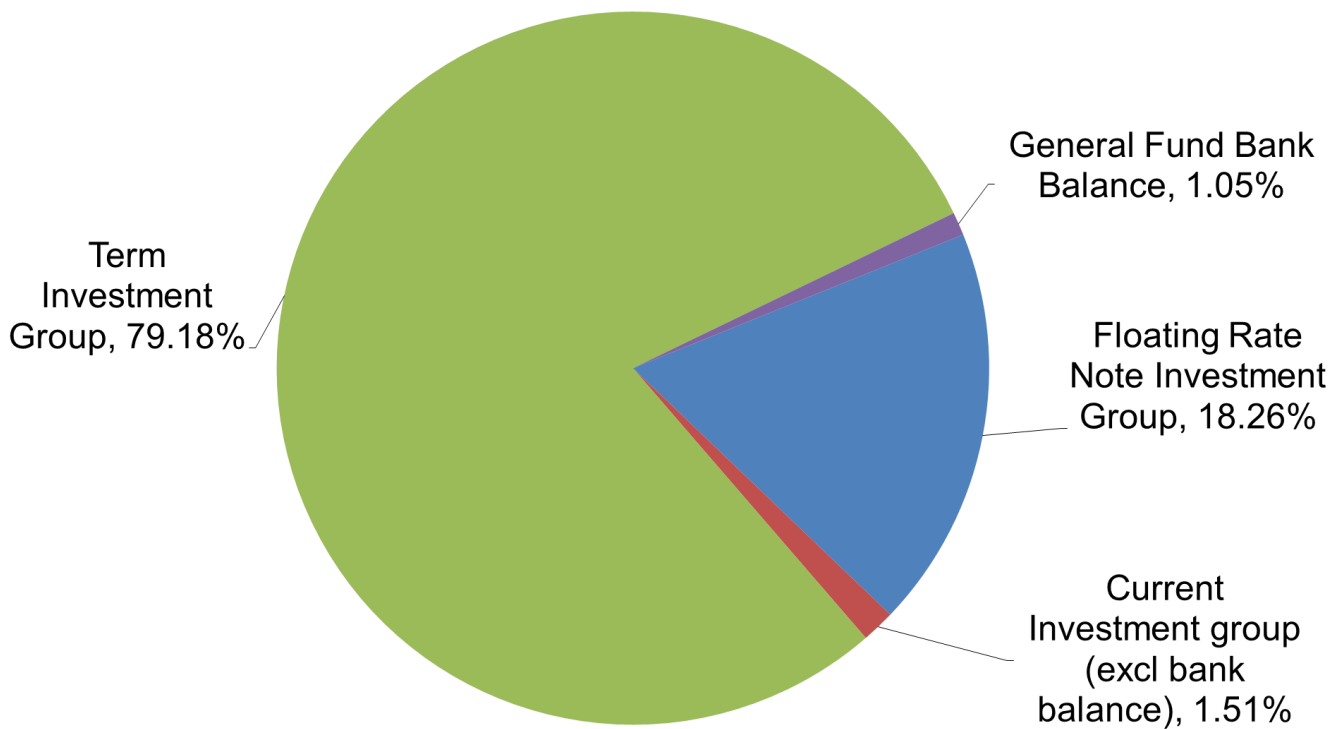
Investment Summary by Asset Group and monthly movement

Table 1.1

Asset Group	Closing Value (Face Value) 28 February 2018	Closing Value (Face Value) 31 March 2018
Floating Rate Notes	\$27,213,235	\$27,213,235
Current Cash on Call Group (excl bank balance)	\$12,800,000	\$2,250,000
Term Deposit Group	\$111,000,000	\$118,000,000
	\$151,013,235	\$147,463,235
General Fund Bank Balance	\$4,038,950	\$1,564,059
Total	\$155,052,185	\$149,027,294

MARCH 2018 INVESTMENTS % ALLOCATION BY ASSET GROUP

Graph 1.2



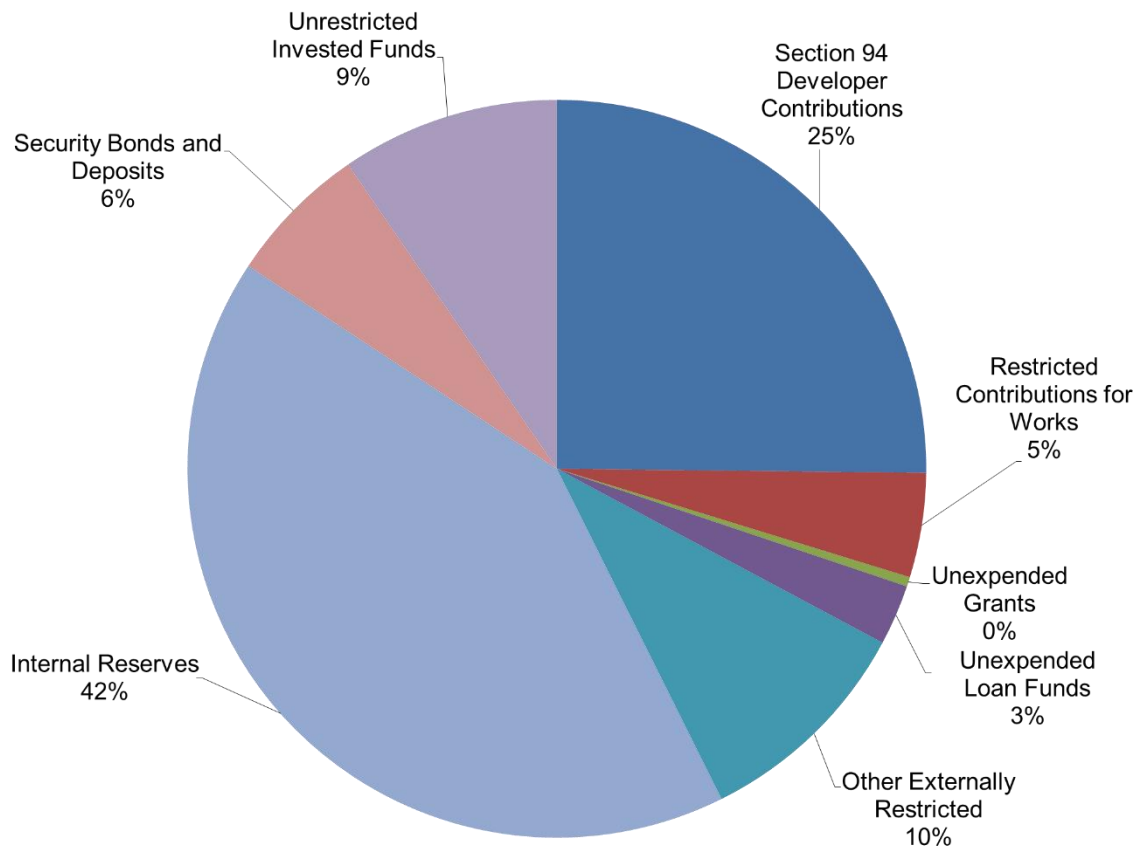
Reconciliation of Invested Funds and monthly movement

Table 1.2

	Period Ending 28 February 2018 \$	Period Ending 31 March 2018 \$
Represented by:		
Externally Restricted Assets		
Section 94 Developer Contributions	38,045,975	36,764,467
Restricted Contributions for Works	6,283,599	6,680,709
Unexpended Grants	782,111	605,672
Unexpended Loan Funds	4,136,034	3,875,573
Other Externally Restricted	14,029,910	14,349,393
Total	63,277,629	62,275,814
Internally Restricted Assets for Funding of Operations		
Sinking Funds	-	-
Internal Reserves	60,777,638	63,682,558
Security Bonds and Deposits	9,010,724	9,102,224
Total	69,788,362	72,784,782
Restricted Assets Utilised in Operations		
Unrestricted Invested Funds	21,986,194	13,966,698
Total Invested Funds	155,052,185	149,027,294

MARCH 2018 INVESTMENTS % ALLOCATION BY CASH RESERVE TYPE

Graph 1.3



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Investment Summary
 (Graphed to reflect fund ratings as % of portfolio)

Table 1.3

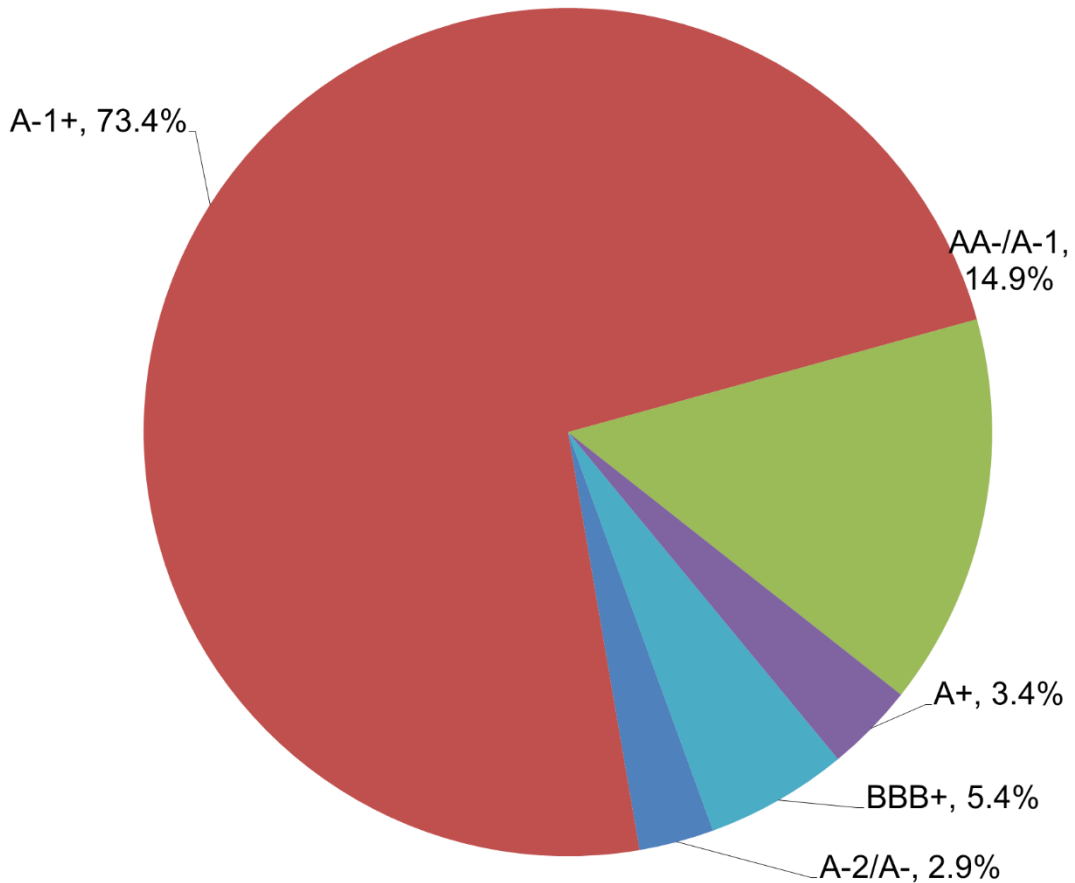
Credit Exposure	Bank/Financial Institution	\$ Utilised	% Portfolio	% Policy Maximum
A-1+	CBA, NAB, BankWest, Westpac, TCorp	108,250,000	73.41%	100% (25% per institution)
A-1	Macquarie Bank, Suncorp Bank	10,000,000	6.78%	100% (20% per institution)
A-2	Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	2,000,000	1.36%	100% (20% per institution)
Long Term				
A-	Floating Rate Note (Barclays Capital)	1,213,235	0.82%	100% (20% per institution)
AA-	Deposit Plus Flexible Security (CBA)	5,000,000	3.39%	100% (25% per institution)
A-	Floating Rate Note (Barclays Capital)	1,000,000	0.68%	100% (20% per institution)
AA-	Floating Rate Note (CBA)	5,000,000	3.39%	100% (25% per institution)
AA-	Floating Rate Note (ANZ)	1,000,000	0.68%	100% (25% per institution)
AA-	Floating Rate Bonds (NAB)	1,000,000	0.68%	100% (25% per institution)
A+	Floating Rate Note (Suncorp Metway)	5,000,000	3.39%	100% (20% per institution)
BBB+	Floating Rate Note (Bank of Queensland) *	4,500,000	3.05%	100% (20% per institution)
BBB+	Floating Rate Note (Bendigo & Adelaide Bank) *	3,500,000	2.37%	100% (20% per institution)
Total Portfolio		147,463,235	100%	

*Downgraded to BBB+ Long term after investments placed

MARCH 2018 INVESTMENTS % ALLOCATION BY S&P FUND RATING

Graph 1.4

Reflects Standard and Poor's fund ratings as % of the portfolio to show compliance with Council's Investment Policy objectives of minimising risk.



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Diversification of Portfolio
(graphed to reflect fund ratings as % of portfolio)

Table 1.4

Dealing Bank	Short Term	Long Term	Investment
BankWest	A-1+	AA-	28,500,000
Barclays Bank	A-1	A+	2,213,235
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank *	A-2	BBB+	5,500,000
National Australia Bank	A-1+	AA-	37,000,000
ANZ	A-1+	AA-	1,000,000
NSW TCorp	A-1+	AAA	0
Westpac Banking Corporation	A-1+	AA-	32,000,000
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	A-1+	AA-	21,750,000
Macquarie Bank	A-1	A	1,000,000
Bank of Queensland *	A-2	BBB+	4,500,000
Suncorp Metway	A-1	A+	14,000,000
Total Investment			147,463,235

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MARCH 2018 INVESTMENTS % ALLOCATION BY S&P FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Graph 1.5

Reflects the spread of investments amongst various Financial Institutions to show portfolio diversification in accordance with Council's Policy of risk aversion.

