

Chairperson and Committee Members
CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

15 AUGUST 2013

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2013

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises Council's fiscal investment and debt situation as at 30 June 2013.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's Significance Policy is not triggered by this report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The Treasury Management Policy requires an update on the Council's investments and borrowing to be reported quarterly to the Corporate Business Committee.
- 4 The major trading banks and other financial institutions provide the Council with forecasts and predictions on future interest rates movement.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 5 General, Separate, Loan and Special Fund Investments

BANK DEPOSITS				
Maturity	Held at	Amount \$	Portfolio %	Interest Rate %
Deposits	Westpac On Call	5,565,977	76%	3.10%
Borrower Notes	Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) 15/12/2017	640,000	9%	3.26%
Borrower Notes	LGFA 15/3/2019	320,000	4%	3.40%
Borrower Notes	LGFA 15/12/2017	160,000	3%	3.13%
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Borrower Notes	LGFA 15/5/2021	320,000	4%	3.125%
Perpetual	Fonterra	21,000		4.21%
Shares	LGFA	100,000	1%	
Shares	NZGLIC	45,000		
Total General, Separate and Special Fund Investments as at 30 June 2013		\$7,331,977	100%	

6 Borrowing:

Total Public Debt as at 01/7/2012	\$88,422,820
Less Debt Repayment	-\$10,287,554
Plus New Loans Raised	\$47,087,830
Gross Public Debt as at 30/06/2013	\$125,223,096
Less Loan Repayment Provision (External Debt)	-\$4,109,531
Net External Public Debt	\$121,113,565

Market Commentary:

- 7 The Reserve Bank (RBNZ) left the Official Cash Rate (OCR) unchanged at 2.5% and it is likely to remain at that level for the remainder of 2013. The Central Bank Governor now believes increases of the OCR will be partly dependent on when any construction sector inflation flows through to the broader economy. There was some acknowledgement of a pick up in the domestic economy and a bias towards monetary tightening in the future but not likely before the 2014 year.
- 8 General, Separate and Special Fund Investments as at 30 June 2013 were \$7,331,997 (\$3,018,630 as at 31 March 2013). The higher balance of investments as at 30 June 2013 represents the working capital needed to meet the capital expenditure cashflow requirements as at 30 June 2013.
- 9 Gross Public Debt as at 30 June 2013 was \$125,223,096 (\$115,296,082 as at 31 March 2013). Net Public Debt after allowing for the accumulation of annual loan repayment provisions of \$4,109,531 was \$121,113,565 (\$112,444,427 as at 31 March 2013). The reason for the increase in Net Public Debt is to fund the capital works programme completed by 30 June 2013.
- 10 The effective average interest rate of the Council's Public Debt, after taking into account the interest rate swaps and margins as at 30 June 2013 was 5.87% (5.72% as at 31 March 2013). The reason for the increase in the average interest rates is the increase in interest rate margins relating to longer term debt (5 to 8 years) that Council has entered into to spread its debt maturity profile.

Interest Rate Risk Management Strategy

- 11 Under the Council's Treasury Management Policy the Council has delegated the responsibility for managing interest rates to the Group Manager, Finance. The Council has entered into the following interest rate swaps:

INTEREST RATE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY						
Deal Date	Pay or Receive a SWAP	Bank	Amount \$Million	Start Date	Maturity Date	SWAP Rate (if fixed)
18 Nov 09	Pay	BNZ	5.00	29 Jan 10	29 Jan 2014	2.65%
10 May 12	Pay	BNZ	3.00	16 Jun 12	16 Jun 2015	4.22%
4 Apr 11	Pay	BNZ	5.00	20 Oct 11	20 Jul 2015	4.505%
4 Apr 11	Pay	BNZ	5.00	20 Oct 11	20 Jan 2016	4.655%
26 Feb 13	Pay	BNZ	4.00	14 Mar 13	16 Mar 2016	4.52%
4 Apr 11	Pay	BNZ	5.00	20 Oct 11	20 Apr 2016	4.715%
12 Jun 12	Pay	BNZ	3.00	12 Jul 12	12 Jan 2017	5.06%
26 Feb 13	Pay	BNZ	3.00	14 Mar 13	14 Mar 2017	4.46%
17 Apr 08	Pay	ANZ	5.00	2 Nov 10	2 May 2017	4.58%
27 May 10	Pay	WBC	5.00	5 Jul 10	5 Jul 2017	5.5%
12 Apr 12	Pay	ANZ	5.00	17 Jun 13	15 Dec 2017	4.03%
26 Feb 13	Pay	BNZ	2.00	12 Apr 13	12 Jan 2018	4.86%
27 Mar 12	Pay	BNZ	5.00	15 Mar 13	15 Mar 2018	4.28%
23 June 11	Pay	ANZ	5.00	11 July 11	9 April 2018	5.31%
30 Aug 05	Pay	WBC	6.00	28 Nov 08	28 Aug 2018	6.07%
25 Nov 08	Pay	BNZ	5.00	12 Jan 09	12 Oct 2018	5.875%
17 Nov 08	Pay	BNZ	5.00	18 Nov 08	19 Nov 2018	6.06%
18 Jan 10	Pay	BNZ	5.00	20 Jan 10	22 Jan 2019	5.32%
27 Mar 12	Pay	BNZ	5.00	15 Mar 13	17 Jun 2019	4.50%
26 Feb 13	Pay	BNZ	3.00	4 Mar 13	4 Sep 2019	5.82%
12 Apr 12	Pay	ANZ	5.00	15 Mar 13	15 Dec 2019	4.285%
23 Aug 10	Pay	ANZ	5.00	11 Oct 10	9 Apr 2020	5.75%
21 May 10	Pay	BNZ	5.00	24 May 10	25 May 2020	5.735%
8 Oct 10	Pay	BNZ	1.00	8 Apr 11	8 Oct 2020	4.99%
8 Oct 10	Pay	BNZ	3.40	8 Apr 12	8 Oct 2020	5.165%
8 Oct 10	Pay	BNZ	8.425	8 Oct 12	8 Oct 2020	5.15%
7 Jun 13	Pay	ANZ	5.00	11 Jun 13	11 Jun 2022	3.98%
20 Jun 13	Pay	ANZ	5.00	24 Jun 13	24 Jun 2022	4.29%
18 Jun 13	Pay	BNZ	5.00	20 Jun 13	20 Dec 2022	4.165%

- 12 The result of these interest rate swaps is that the effective interest rate re-pricing profile of the Council's debt portfolio as at 30 June 2013 is as follows:

Interest Rate Swap Coverage Profile	Interest Rate coverage of Total Debt	Approved Interest Rate Coverage Range of Total Debt
Fixed Rate %	83%	55-95%
Fixed Rate Maturity Profile Period	Coverage	Approved Range
1 to 3 years	18%	15-60%
3 to 5 years	27%	15-60%
5 to 10 years	55%	10-60%

- 13 While the long term interest rates have been at historical lows, Council has continued to take opportunities in the market to lower the overall interest rates of existing debt by extending interest rate swaps at lower interest rates.
- 14 The Council has secured the following funding from the LGFA:

Date	Loan	Interest Margin above Floating Rate	Maturity Date
3 Oct 12	\$20 million	1.13%	15 March 2019
3 Oct 12	\$40 million	0.99%	15 December 2017
8 Dec 12	\$10 million	0.91%	15 December 2017
20 May 13	\$10 million	0.68%	15 December 2017
24 June 13	\$20 million	0.785%	15 May 2021

- 15 Of the total borrowing from the LGFA, \$70 million was for the replacement of existing short term borrowing facilities from banks. Overall, the Council is saving around \$300,000 per annum by borrowing through the LGFA and supporting the LGFA positive influence on the market.
- 16 Since the LGFA has been in the market since February 2012 the margins have decreased by around 0.35%. This is partly due to a decline in the interest rate market but also due to the fact that the LGFA is dealing with an increasing proportion of the total Local Government borrowings in competition with the Banks and its presence is having a positive influence on the market.

Delegation

- 17 The Corporate Business Committee has delegated authority to consider this Report under Section B.3.7 of the Governance Structure.
Without limiting the generality of this delegation, the committee has the following functions, duties and powers.

Financial and Asset Management

- 7.5 *Authority to monitor performance of the Council's financial activities, including income, operating and capital expenditure against budgets, remissions, key financial indicators and investment and debt/borrowings management.*

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 18 That the Corporate Business Committee notes that the General, Separate and Special Fund Investments as at 30 June 2013 were \$7,331,977 (\$3,018,630 as at 31 March 2013).
- 19 That the Corporate Business Committee notes:
 - Gross Public Debt as at 30 June 2013 was \$125,223,096 (\$115,296,082 as at 31 March 2013); and
 - Net Public Debt after allowing for the accumulation of annual loan repayment provisions of \$4,109,531 was \$121,113,565 (\$112,444,427 as at 31 March 2013).
- 20 That the Corporate Business Committee notes:
 - the effective average interest rate of the Council's Public Debt, after taking into account the interest rate swaps and margins as at 30 June 2013, was 5.87% (5.72% as at 31 March 2013).
 - the reason for the increase in the average interest rates is the increase in interest rate margins relating to longer term debt (5 to 8 years) that Council has entered into to spread its debt maturity profile.

Approved for submission by:

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