Social Enterprise and Social Finance: A Path to Growth

Portfolio Community and Voluntary Sector

On 16 November 2016, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

1. noted that on 11 December 2013, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee agreed to adopt a Government Position Statement on Social Enterprise, to encourage private sector and government agency responses to social enterprise development needs [SOC Min (13) 27/4];

2. noted that activity across government to support social enterprise and social finance is increasing, but that this is uncoordinated;

3. agreed to a cross-agency working group to coordinate work across a range of agencies to support social enterprise;

4. agreed that the Department of Internal Affairs initially lead this work, with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Social Investment Unit, and Te Puni Kōkiri as other core members of the working group;

5. agreed to the initial actions outlined in Table 1 to the paper under EGI-16-SUB-0309, which relate to measurement and research, growing social enterprise capability, enabling social finance, and promoting social enterprise;

6. agreed that the collection of baseline data on social enterprises, and information on support services, be a priority, in order to inform any future initiatives;

7. agreed that the cross-agency working group report to the Regional Economic Development (RED) Ministers’ Group and associated Senior Regional Officials’ Group;

8. agreed that the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector be invited to RED Minister’s meetings where social enterprise is an agenda item;

9. agreed that a more formalised work programme, and ongoing leadership, be considered by RED Ministers by April 2017.

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