

3. FUNDING OF AND PURCHASING OF SERVICES FROM THE COMMUNITY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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The Committee considered a report from Mary Richardson, Senior Social Policy Analyst, on a paper entitled, "*Practical Ways of Improving Government Funding and Services Purchasing from Community Organisations*", submitted to the Minister of Social Services on 16 December 1998.

The report originated in September 1998 from the request by Hon Nick Smith, then Associate Minister of Social Welfare, for the Director-General of Social Welfare and other chief executives to report on practical ways of improving government funding and the purchase of services from multi-funded community organisations.

The paper provided details of the inter-agency group's recommendations, the lead agency approach proposed by the inter-agency group, shared recognition, single monitoring reporting arrangements and multi-year funding.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the Council support the intent of the Central Government Inter-agency initiative to reduce compliance and transaction costs of funding and purchasing arrangements with the voluntary sector.
 3. That the Council advise Hon Roger Sowry, Minister of Social Services, of its interest in this matter and request that the community, local government and philanthropic sectors be consulted prior to any change to government funding and purchasing practices.
 4. That an invitation be extended to the Minister to visit Christchurch to meet with the Council and appropriate agencies to discuss the funding of and purchasing of services from the community by government agencies.