

1. MEETING WITH MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT

The Committee considered a report from Mary Richardson, Senior Social Policy Analyst, and Julie Macdonald, Community Adviser, recommending that the Committee meet with Hon Steve Maharey, Minister of Social Services and Employment, to discuss areas of joint interest such as “The Compact with the Voluntary Sector”, “Best Practice Funding project”, and “Poverty Taskforce”.

The report advised that the projects being put in place by the new government created an opportunity for the Council to work in partnership, and suggested that an invitation be extended to the Minister to meet the Mayor and Community Services Committee to discuss these projects and possible joint initiatives.

Recommendation: That the Minister of Social Services and Employment, Hon Steve Maharey, be invited to meet with the Mayor, Community Services Committee and representatives of Canterbury Development Corporation to discuss areas of joint interest.