

4. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the outcome of the Subcommittee's consideration of a compact with the voluntary and community sector.

BACKGROUND

In 1999 the Council agreed that the development of an agreement between the Council and the voluntary sector would be a positive initiative, and set up a Subcommittee to deal with developments around this issue. In August 2000 the Hon Steve Maharey, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, announced the formation of the Iwi/ Maori Community and Voluntary Sector Working Party, chaired by Dorothy Wilson. In September Dorothy Wilson made the following statement:

"To provide a framework for government and the community sector to work together, Labour proposes to develop an agreement between government and voluntary social service organisations to facilitate and guide our relationship. The intent of such an agreement is the promotion of talking, listening and co-operation at every level and to recognise that each play complementary roles in the development and provision of social policy and services."

DISCUSSION

The Council's Subcommittee met on 13 October to discuss these developments. It was noted that, while there is central government representation on the Working Party, there is no representation of local authority views or interests. The Subcommittee agreed, therefore, to write to the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector seeking local authority representation on the Working Party similar to the representation by central government.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Subcommittee write, on behalf of the Council, to the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, seeking local authority representation on the Working Party similar to the representation by central government.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be approved.