



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Partnership Fund: Disestablishment of Board

**Portfolio**                      **Youth**

On 29 September 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

#### Background

- 1        **noted** that
  - 1.1      in 2015, the Cabinet Social Policy Committee agreed to a new approach to grow funding for youth development, including a partnership fund with a new non-statutory board or charitable trust to make fund allocation decisions [SOC-15-MIN-0034.01];
  - 1.2      in 2016, the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee noted that the Minister for Youth intended to appoint eight members to the Partnership Fund Board (the Board) [APH-16-MIN-0181];
- 2        **noted** that a 2017 review of the Board found that it was experiencing difficulty in operating according to Cabinet's intentions and the Minister for Youth made interim changes to the Board;
- 3        **noted** that:
  - 3.1      in 2020, the Minister for Youth requested a further review of the Board's governance arrangements to consider whether the arrangements were 'fit-for-purpose' in ensuring the Board was operating strategically and independently, and whether the Board has the right resources and funding to deliver on its objectives;
  - 3.2      the review found that the Board was not delivering to the required level on two of three of its objectives;

#### Future oversight of the Partnership Fund

- 4        **noted** that in response to the review findings, the Minister for Youth has considered advice on possible alternate options to the Partnership Fund Board;
- 5        **agreed** to disestablish the Partnership Fund Board;
- 6        **agreed** that Ministry for Youth Development (MYD) formally oversee the Partnership Fund to best utilise existing networks and sector expertise;

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Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Jan Tinetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Office of the SWC Chair  
Officials Committee for SWC