



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Addressing the Wellbeing Harms of Organised Crime

#### Portfolio

#### Police

On 25 September 2019, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC):

- 1 **noted** that on 6 March 2019, SWC agreed to the development of a multi-layered, multi-agency work programme on organised crime, taking a strengths-based approach, and aligning with other work underway [SWC-19-MIN-0013];
- 2 **noted** that organised crime is a barrier to the government's wellbeing goals as it is a significant driver of social, financial, and physical harm;
- 3 **agreed** that addressing the harms from organised crime is a social issue requiring a coordinated response across government agencies that combines a community development, prevention approach with law enforcement;
- 4 **agreed** that Police lead work on a strategic, evidence-based approach to address harm caused by organised crime that:
  - 4.1 provides central government direction and support for local communities to design responses to the issues they face and builds community resilience;
  - 4.2 determines the locations where investment can be targeted;
  - 4.3 ensures a whole of government approach to addressing the harms;
- 5 **agreed** that a sub-group of Ministers including the Ministers of Police, Regional Economic Development, Justice, Corrections, Social Development, Health, Children, and Customs, is established to oversee the work programme;
- 6 **noted** that cross-agency governance will be determined to provide a national mandate for local interventions and ensure oversight of the work programme;
- 7 **directed** Police and partner agencies, including the Ministries of Social Development, Health, Housing and Urban Development, and Oranga Tamariki, to collaborate with iwi, whānau, and local groups to co-design responses to the harms caused to local communities from organised crime;
- 8 **noted** that one specific area where organised crime is creating significant harm in local communities is the supply of methamphetamine;

- 9 **agreed** that Police lead work with national and local government agencies, iwi, and local groups on initiatives in Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay to address the harm from methamphetamine within the work programme;
- 10 **noted** that there is an opportunity to deliver targeted initiatives to address the harm of methamphetamine in the regions using the Provincial Growth Fund;
- 11 **noted** that the Minister of Regional Economic Development is seeking Cabinet approval to a second funding allocation of \$55 million through the Te Ara Mahi investment within the Provincial Growth Fund with at least \$25 million and up to \$40 million of funding to support initiatives that address the harm of methamphetamine;
- 12 **noted** there is an opportunity to use the Gang Intelligence Centre to drive the analysis on potential locations and at-risk groups connected to organised crime;
- 13 **invited** the Minister of Police to report to SWC in December 2019 on:
- 13.1 a strategic framework and monitoring framework;
  - 13.2 an intervention model that can be adapted by local communities;
  - 13.3 further locations where agencies propose to intervene;
  - 13.4 cross-agency governance for the work programme;
  - 13.5 options for Cabinet's consideration on providing the resource and capability for the Gang Intelligence Centre to drive the analysis on potential locations and at-risk groups connected to organised crime;
- 14 **invited** the Minister of Police to report to SWC in June 2020 to seek decisions on ongoing work.

Jenny Vickers  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Jenny Salesa  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Julie Anne Genter

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Minister of Police

**Officials present from:**

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