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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Regional Strategic Partnership Fund: Report on Impact Management Framework

Portfolio **Economic and Regional Development**

On 9 March 2022, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 12 April 2021, Cabinet noted that the Minister for Economic and Regional Development will report back with further details of a benefits management framework to measure the success of the Regional Strategic Partnership Fund (RSPF) against its Productive, Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable and Māori-enabling (PRISM) objectives [CAB-21-MIN-0114];
- 2 **noted** that the RSPF has been designed to invest for impact, based on its PRISM objectives, and that an Impact Measurement Framework (the Framework) has been developed;
- 3 **noted** that the Framework addresses a key recommendation of the early evaluation of the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF);
- 4 **noted** that the Framework consists of a set of indicators, underpinned by an outcomes logic model, which connects them to the PRISM objectives;
- 5 **noted** that the indicators are:
 - 5.1 improved innovation by funded entity;
 - 5.2 improved business capability by funded entity;
 - 5.3 number of connections or collaborations related to funded activity since receiving funding;
 - 5.4 sectors transitioning up the 'value chain';
 - 5.5 Māori businesses are enabled to operate in a way that is consistent with their tikanga;
 - 5.6 Māori businesses enabled to diversify and/or invest in higher value production;
 - 5.7 number of staff who have increased their capability as a result of the funding;
 - 5.8 number of employers supporting their staff to improve their wellbeing (e.g. living wage, help with accessing support, training and mentoring);
 - 5.9 area of whenua Māori in productive use consistent with tikanga Māori;

- 5.10 percentage increase in R&D spending;
- 5.11 amount of waste sent to landfill;
- 5.12 change in emissions profile;
- 5.13 percentage of funded firms with a plan to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change;
- 6 **noted** that the indicators will be used to capture project-level outcomes that indicate how projects are contributing to PRISM outcomes, and that this data will be aggregated and complemented, where available, by wider data sets to tell a programme-level story about the success of the RSPF;
- 7 **noted** that funded recipients will be required to report on the quantitative measures most relevant to their project, and all relevant qualitative indicators;
- 8 **noted** that all funded recipients will be required to report on the ‘change in emissions’ profile indicator unless they have a good reason not to, and all funded recipients will be encouraged to implement climate adaptation plans;
- 9 **authorised** the Māori Economic Development Ministers group to make any further decisions relating to potential additional Māori-specific measures of RSPF success;
- 10 **noted** that indicators agreed for reporting will be included in contracts, and informed by broader outcomes procurement principles;
- 11 **noted** that implementing the framework means the government will be well positioned to understand the impact of the RSPF portfolio, communicate this impact, and have meaningful data to support continuous improvement and further policy development;
- 12 **agreed** to the Framework set out in the paper under DEV-22-SUB-0024 as the RSPF impact measurement approach;
- 13 **authorised** the Minister for Economic and Regional Development to make minor changes to the Framework identified during its implementation, in consultation with the Regional Economic Development and Māori Economic Development Ministers groups as necessary.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
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