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TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Advisory Group on the Development of a National Philanthropy Policy

1. Purpose of Group

The purpose of the Advisory Group will be to collaborate with the Minister of State and the Department to explore and identify the key aspects of what will be a supportive and innovative national Philanthropy Policy, with the aim of publishing a draft policy for public consultation by end 2022.

2. Vision for a National Philanthropy Policy

The Philanthropy Policy will:

- Bring clarity to the understanding of philanthropy and the philanthropic sector
- Identify frameworks of support necessary for the development of philanthropy
- Facilitate the establishment of an accurate data baseline on giving in Ireland
- Identify points of connection for philanthropists and grant-makers with government and civil society and how such connections can be activated
- Inform the development of a positive regulatory and fiscal framework for philanthropy to thrive and grow.

3. The work of the group

The Group's first task will be to consider the report on the independent research, presented by Indecon Consultants, *The Landscape of Philanthropic Giving in Ireland* and the independent report of discussions from the Workshop '*Charting a course for the development of an Irish National Policy on Philanthropy*', held on 1st December, 2021. Drawing on those sources, it will advise the Minister and the Department on the structure, content and implementation of the policy, working towards the completion of a draft for public consultation.

4. Membership

Membership of the National Advisory Group, which will be chaired by the Minister of State, will include representatives of:

- Government
- Local Government
- Philanthropy Ireland and other advocate/practitioner bodies;
- Philanthropists
- Wealth Advisers;
- Corporate and Academia Sectors.
- It is also considered that the Group should be informed by an International/European perspective
- At least two of the members will be drawn from a public call for Expressions of Interest.

5. Meetings

It is intended that the National Advisory Group will be established and convene for the first time on 26th April, 2022 and will meet at least at quarterly intervals until the philanthropy policy has been approved by Government and published.

6. Sub-groups and Secretariat

The Department and the Advisory Group may be assisted by sub-groups drawn from representatives of the philanthropy sector and government departments. The sub-groups will broadly consider the various strands of the philanthropy policy, as outlined in paragraph 2 above. The Department will provide the Secretariat to the Group/sub-groups.