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PRESS RELEASE

Clark: Social enterprises need action, not just warm words

The Shadow Minister for Charities today welcomed the publication of the Cabinet Office's Social Enterprise Action Plan. Speaking at a visit to 'Slivers of Time', a social enterprise in East London, Greg Clark said:

"If the Government is taking social enterprise seriously then that can only be welcomed. However many social enterprises and charities know from experience that warm words don't always translate into action.

"The Public Accounts Committee earlier this year criticised the Government's sluggish record on opening itself up to working with the voluntary sector, which includes social enterprise."

He added:

"Plans and strategies can make a useful contribution, but I want to see openness to social enterprise hardwired into the machinery of government."

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