## Social impact investment

Using investment to address social challenges



## Social sector already plays a big role in society and economy

# The 'social economy' is playing a key role in addressing social challenges

# Social sector provides great examples of scale, resilience and innovation

#### **Charities**

160,000 + in number Annual income £36bn+ Work-force of 765,000



68,000+ in number Annual income £24bn+ Work-force of 800,000





£193m



£156m



56% of social enterprises reported an increase in turnover during the recession





re-offending



children at risk



## But they face problems raising appropriate capital

# As a whole, the social sector is under-scale and poorly capitalised

## There is a particular need for long-term risk-taking capital

## Many charities are small

85% of charities have income <£100,000

### **Under capitalised**

many charities have assets equivalent to less than 3 months trading

### **Volatile financing**

Only route to a strengthened balance sheet often surplus reinvestment, or volatile donations

## Capital as a barrier to growth

48% of social enterprises say lack of affordable finance is largest barrier to sustainability (v. 33% of SMEs)

## Lack of appropriate capital

63% of social enterprises want long-term loans 48% want funding with a mix of debt and equity

### **Growing demand for capital**

demand from sector for higher risk capital will increase to about £550m (out of total £750m) by 2015



## What is "social impact investment"?

An investment approach that intentionally seeks to create both financial return and positive social impact that is actively measured

Impact investing is an investment approach across asset classes (e.g. public and private equity, debt, etc.); it is a criteria by which investments are made

Investments motivated by the intention to create a social or environmental good are clearly impact investments. If the intention is financial gain, even if the corollary is social or environmental value, the designation of impact investing is less certain There should be measurable evidence that social or environmental value has been created in order for an investment to classified as an impact investment

The degree of financial return may vary widely from recovery of principal to significantly above market returns

Impact investments can include investments in infrastructure, poverty alleviation, environmental improvement, economic development, etc. but they must meet defined and measurable objectives; job creation cannot be the sole criterion for considering an investment to be an impact investment since most investments create jobs

Philanthropy Traditional Investing



Impact investors are different than philanthropists in that they are interested in a financial return as well as a positive social impact Impact investors are different than traditional mainstream investors in that they seek out and intentionally choose investments that have a social impact

Source: World Economic Forum Impact Investing Initiative Working Group (Survey, December 2012)





## Social impact investment builds on existing finance tools

## Community Reinvestment

- Small-medium enterprises in deprived communities by postcode
- Led by US experience
- Community
  Reinvestment Act
  promoting bank
  disclosure, community
  investment tax credit and
  Government funding
  through Community
  Development Finance
  Institutions
- Up to \$50bn per year investment since 1977

#### **Microfinance**

- Financial inclusion of individuals
- Led by experience in developing countries (e.g. Grameen Bank)
- Over 200m clients reached by end of 2010 compared to 70m by 2002
- Estimates \$7.5bn of global assets under management

"Microloans enable the poor to lift themselves out of poverty through entrepreneurship." Pierre Omidyar

## **Venture Capital**

- Growth companies
- Led by experience in developed countries (e.g. Western Europe)
- Amount invested by BVCA firms grew from £7.8bn in 1999 to £31.6bn in 2007

"The VC market in Europe has, over the past thirty years, produced some extraordinary success stories... from the rise of global companies such as Skype, to the development of technology such as Bluetooth" BVCA Chairman



## Why "social impact investment?"

#### For Investees

- Fills financing gap for innovation and growth
- Improves commercial skills
- Strengthens governance and accountability

#### For Investors

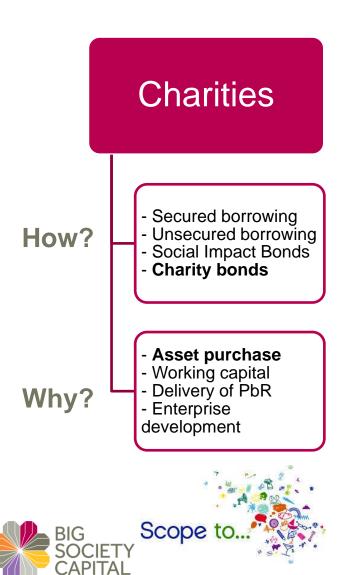
- Capital is recycled for onward investment
- Deeper engagement with social sector and community
- Helps shape new form of responsible capitalism

#### For Government

- Supports innovation by social sector
- Improves evidence base for social policy
- Provides greater opportunity to purchase and from social sector



## A variety of organisations may be interested ... in a variety of products...



## Community Organisations

- Community shares
- Secured borrowing
- Unsecured borrowing

- Regeneration
- Housing
- Community energy

## Social Enterprises

- Secured borrowing
- Performance based equity
- Equity

- Development capital
- Asset purchase





## ... and potential investors are diverse – appeals to more than just private financial institutions

## Investor classes may be diverse

## Broad European experience also suggests high diversity

#### **High Net Worth Individuals**

Majority want their money to do good as well as provide financial return (1)

#### **Corporations**

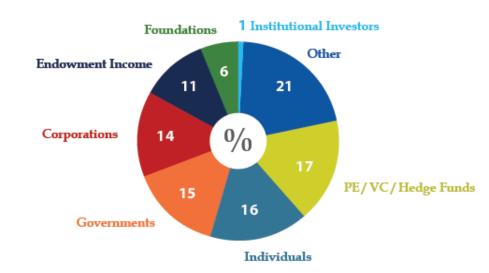
Large corporates are establishing social investment funds in areas of their expertise, e.g. health

#### Local authority pension funds

Consortia developed to look to use £250m into more social investments<sup>(2)</sup>

#### **Individual Investors**

35% of individual investors in pension funds suggested they would sacrifice some return for social impact<sup>(3)</sup>

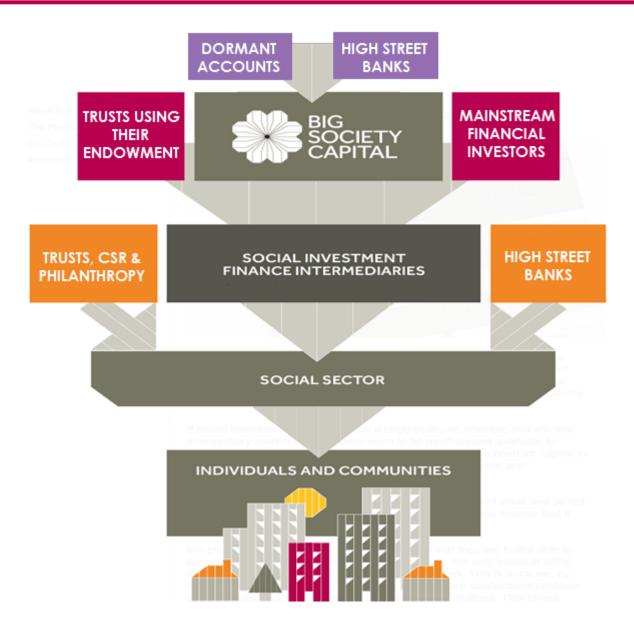


European Venture Philanthropy and Social Investment 2011/12, EVPA (2012)



- (1) Investing for the Good of Society, IPSOS Mori and NESTA (2011)
- (2) Investing for Growth Initiative
- (3) Defined Contribution Investment Forum , Movement Research (March 2013)

## BSC as a wholesale social impact investor connecting social sector and investors





## BSC has a diverse investment portfolio to support market development and social impact

**Issue Specific Funds** 

**Social Impact Bonds** 

**Regional Funds** 







**Operating Intermediaries** 

**Social Entrepreneurs Funds** 







# **Supply of Investment**

# **Demand for Investment**

## Government can play a creative role in enabling social impact investment







Social Investment Tax Relief (risk capital) Retail investors (social savings)

EU structural funds (local impact funds)







Investment readiness support

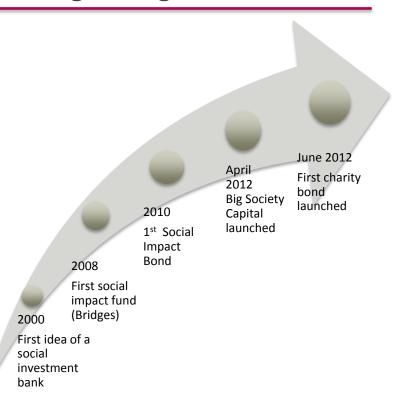
Mixing grant and investments

Government procurement



## Social impact investment is at an early stage but growing

## Social impact investment is growing in the UK...



## ... and also around the world through key bodies









"Investors have committed \$8bn to impact investments in 2012 and plan to commit \$9bn in 2013"

(JPMorgan, GIIN, Perspectives on Progress: The Impact Investor Survey (7 Jan 2013))



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