

Chief Executive  
Clydebank District Council  
Roseberry Place  
CLYDEBANK G81

5th November, 1992.

Dear Sir/Madam,

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR CYDEBANK WOMEN'S AID

As the national organisation for Women's Aid groups in Scotland we wish to offer our strong support for the current proposal before your Council to approve the application for funding made by Clydebank Women's Aid which will be before the Policy and Resouces Committee on 9th November, 1992.

The experience of twenty years of Women's Aid in Scotland shows that providing a safe place for abused women and their children is essential to the elimination of domestic violence both on an individual level and throughout society. This point has been accepted and underlined by many authorities, including the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in its report from the "Women and Violence Working Party" of November 1991.

Women in Clydebank District have benefitted from the hard work of Clydebank Women's Aid since 1982. Financial assistance under the Urban Programme ensured the initial development of the group and its work. From March 1991, the group has had only 50% of its budgetary commitment met by Strathclyde Regional Council and has struggled since then to operate its service.

The successful outcome of the current application before the Council is essential to the future of Clydebank Women's Aid and to abused women of Clydebank District. By providing the grant requested, the Council will be augmenting the services it provides to meet its statutory obligations to abused women under the Housing (Scotland ) Act 1987, part II, in the most effective way. Clydebank District Council will be partially funding the most appropriate form of emergency accommodation for abused women and their children - Women's Aid refuges- and the workers who ensure the smoothe running of the accommodation. No other

emergency housing option is as safe or as supportive for women fleeing violence. No other emergency housing option exists as a "breathing space" where women can gain the information and practical support they need to determine their futures and to eliminate domestic violence from their lives.

We urge your Council members to consider this application favourably so that abused women and their children of Clydebank District can be guaranteed the support and assistance of Clydebank Women's Aid.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Clydebank Women's Aid.