## FALKIRK & GRANGEMOUTH WOMEN'S AID

Telephone Falkirk

Clydebank District Council, Roseberry Place, CLYDEBANK

5th November 1992.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Falkirk & Grangemouth Women's Aid I would like to draw your attention to the plight of Clydebank Women's Aid.

This group has been funded for the last seven years through the Urban Renewal Unit. As per all agencies and organisations, funding at this time stops, with the expectation that the services provided will then be jointly funded through local Districts and Regional Councils.

As you may be aware the C.O.S.L.A. recommendations under finance state that

- 2. "Funding ideally should (on mainland Scotland) be the joint responsibility of Regions and Districts and be on a full, secure basis for three-five year periods (the Working Party acknowledges that authorities themselves do not have such advance notice of future funding);"
- 3. Regional and District Councils should liaise to agree a basis for apportionment of funding in light of local circumstances; and
- 4. Women's Aid should be recognised as independent in the management of its finances, subject to accountability to funders in the normal way through programme planning, accounts, regular monitoring meetings etc.

We would also like to draw to your attention that in 1990 Falkirk District Council, were considering our own funding arrangements and refuge provision. The funding arrangements were eventually resolved, and Falkirk & Grangemouth Women's Aid did receive funding and have done since this.

The refuges on the other hand were a different matter at that time and our refuges were closed down. I would like add to this that in September this year Falkirk District Council voted unanimously to return refuge provision to Falkirk & Grangemouth Women's Aid.

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If you would like any information on the review that Falkirk District Council did, which made them reverse this decision then may I suggest that you contact Cllr Frank McKeever, Leader of Labour Group, Falkirk District Council, whom I am sure will be able to be of some help.

I am sure that, as a caring and responsible District Council, you will look at this matter carefully and ensure that Clydebank Women's Aid will receive adequate funding to cover the costs of the services they provide to abused women and their children.

Yours Sincerely,

Publicity/Education Worker

Copy to Cllr D.C.

Leader of Labour Group Clydebank

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