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The STAR Centre

The Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Rossendale Borough Council

Dear Panel

STAR Board members were pleased to note RBC's report from its Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group. The Board of Trustees agreed that the Task and Finish Group's recommendations fell into two categories - those relating specifically to the Star Centre and those relating to RDAP.

As far as Star Centre recommendations were concerned (numbers 1 and 3), we would welcome partnership working with RBC and other relevant bodies. The STAR Centre had already augmented its Trustees since the publication of the T&F Group's report with the addition of Harriet Grimsditch and Councillors' Helen Jackson and Annabel Shipley. Between them, they have had extensive experience of voluntary sector governance, management, marketing and funding issues. The Board were keen to emphasise however, that direct delivery of STAR Centre's services could only be provided by qualified and paid workers.

Star Centre looked forward to working with RBC and other relevant agencies to develop a long term development plan in which Star Centre could be commissioned to deliver required services as part of its future business plan. The Board was keen to meet relevant officers as soon as possible to work together on recommendation 3.

AS far as recommendations 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 were concerned, the Board thought these were the fundamental aims and objectives of RDAP. They should be used to develop a clear action plan for RDAP with milestones agreed to monitor progress and adjust as necessary. The STAR Centre was currently co-ordinating RDAP on a voluntary basis. WE would be keen to continue to provide this service, but would be unable to do so without some financial support.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of The Board of Trustees



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