



Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham

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29th June, 2018.

Councillor B. Cutts.

Dear Councillor Cutts,

Council – 27th June, 2018

You were unable to attend the meeting on the 27th June, 2018 so it was agreed to send you a response to your question in writing.

Your question asked about the Rotherham Women's Refuge which is listed as a "Related Party" in the draft unaudited Statement of Accounts 2017/18 having received fees totalling £293,119. The Charities Commission name it as Rotherham Womens Refuge Management Association - a REMOVED CHARITY and, therefore, you asked if you could be given an account for it receiving the sum above from RMBC for the year 2017/18.

I can confirm the description in the Council's Statement of Accounts 2017/18 names the organisation as Rotherham Women's Refuge Management Association, however the organisation is now known as Rotherham Rise.

The financial statements for Rotherham Rise for the period 2016/17 describe it "*as a registered charity, established in June 1976 that changed to become an incorporated organisation – a Company Limited by Guarantee. The company is commonly known as Rotherham Rise, formally known as Rotherham Women's Refuge. The charity changed name and notified the Charity Commission and Companies House in May 2015*".

Therefore, whilst the description may refer to its former name, it is one in the same organisation, albeit operating under a different Charities Commission registration number.

The payments totalling £293k made to the charity in 2017/18 are summarised in the table below:-

Reason for Expenditure	Amount £'000
<p>Payment to Rotherham Rise for a project which provided a dedicated specialist domestic abuse outreach service aimed at preventing and reducing harm to those affected by domestic abuse, aiding their recovery and reducing further incidence.</p> <p>The project was agreed by the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board (Councillor Hoddinott is lead). The fees are covered by the Police and Crime Commissioner – the Council raises an invoice at year-end to cover our costs. This is a net nil cost to RMBC.</p>	30
Meeting room hire - Domestic Abuse training for RMBC staff.	1
Commissioned service with Rotherham Rise for survivors of CSE.	86
Fees for placements for survivors of CSE including counselling services.	9
Specialist funding for accommodation to support domestic violence victims.	167
Total	293

I trust this answers your question, but if I can help further in any way please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

S. Alam

Councillor S. Alam,
Cabinet Member for Finance and
Corporate Services.