

1st February 2009

Dear Mr Allan

Fairer Scotland Fund – Eighteen And Under

Thank you for your letter of 14th January 2009.

At a meeting late afternoon on 23rd January 2009, Eighteen and Under was finally made aware of some of *Dundee City Council's* (DCC) concerns and allegations relating to procedures and practice in Eighteen And Under. We are currently undertaking a full and comprehensive review of our procedures and practices as a result of the issues raised at that meeting. In addition, we are pulling together the specific information requested at the meeting.

Once I have all the information I will contact you with a view to providing full and detailed responses to each of the concerns and allegations raised.

I can assure you that Eighteen and Under is a fully transparent organisation committed to good practice.

Separately,

I must add that I have serious concerns with the way in which DCC conducted the meeting on 23rd January. Those concerns relate to the appropriateness of some of the questions asked by DCC at that meeting and the way in which those questions were asked. I am particularly concerned that DCC may have inappropriately requested, and regrettably received, information relating to individuals' private lives.

I shall be raising the above concerns in more detail by separate letter and, at this stage, request that DCC ensures that all information disclosed at the meeting on 23rd January be kept fully confidential.

In the meantime, if you have any further concerns about our organisation, please raise these with us now.

Yours sincerely

Laurie Matthew

(Co-ordinator)