

**SAFER PLACES**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

**Charity number** 1018832  
**Company number** 02789572

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

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| <b>Charity number</b>     | 1018832  |
| <b>Company number</b>     | 02789572   |
| <b>Governing document</b> | The charitable company is governed by its memorandum and articles of association   |
| <b>Known as</b>           | Safer Places   |
| <b>Registered office</b>  | PO Box 2489<br>16-20 Bush House<br>Bush Fair<br>Harlow<br>Essex<br>CM18 6NS  |
| <b>Auditors</b>           | Price Bailey LLP<br>Causeway House<br>1 Dane Street<br>Bishop's Stortford<br>Herts<br>CM23 3BT   |
| <b>Bankers</b>            | HSBC Bank plc<br>Harlow Commercial Centre<br>Gate House<br>The High<br>Harlow<br>Essex<br>CM20 1LL   |
| <b>Current Trustees</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Douglas Wildey</li><li>• Edna Stevens</li><li>• Susan King</li><li>• Jenni McRae</li><li>• Paul Nosa Samuels</li><li>• Jon Chapman</li><li>• Sandra Johnson (appointed 27 November 2012)</li><li>• Sharon Rodie (appointed 27 November 2012)</li><li>• Ruth Parmenter (appointed 27 November 2012)</li></ul> |
| <b>Secretary</b>          | Allison Mann   |

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### **Structure Governance and Management**

Safer Places is a Registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee

Our governing documents are our Memorandum and Articles of Association

Our Trustees are elected from our membership at our Annual General meeting. Our Trustees serve for a period of three years and then stand down or seek nomination and re-election.

Our membership is open to anyone who supports the objectives set out in our Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Trustees shall admit to membership of the company. An application for membership may be approved or rejected by the Trustees. The Trustees have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard before a final decision is made.

We welcome nominations from organisations who are members of Safer Places.

Safer Places has no prohibition on clients becoming Members or Trustees providing they are able to meet the eligibility requirements and fulfil the responsibilities of these roles.

It is the policy of Safer Places to ensure that all Trustees are eligible and have sufficient and appropriate skills to serve. All members wishing to become Trustees undergo a competency based selection process and are required to complete a Declaration of eligibility and a Declaration of interests annually.

Once appointed Trustees participate in an induction process which, includes induction to the company as well as to the role of Trustee. On going training relevant to the role of Trustee is provided.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and a fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have:

- Selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently,
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our Trustees are also responsible for the following:

- Setting the strategic direction of Safer Places, ensuring that it is solvent, well run and meeting the needs for which it was established
- Ensuring Safer Places complies with company and charity requirements

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- Ensuring that Safer Places does not breach the rules set out in its governing documents and remains true to its charitable purpose
- Making sure Safer Places complies with all requirements of other legislation, which govern the activities of the company
- Preventing the misuse of company funds or assets
- Ensuring that company funds and assets are used reasonably and only in the furtherance of the company's objectives
- Avoiding any activity that might place the company's assets or reputation at undue risk
- Taking special care in investing the company's funds or borrowing funds on behalf of the company
- Using their personal skills and experience to ensure the company is well run and efficient
- Considering getting external professional advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the company or where Trustees may be in breach of their duties

Day to day management of Safer Places is delegated to the Chief Executive who reports directly to the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets at least five times per year

Staff attend Board Meetings and advise on all matters but do not vote

Safer Places works closely with the following organisations in pursuit of its objectives -

- Broxbourne Borough Council
- East Herts District Council
- Epping Forest District Council
- Braintree District Council
- Chelmsford district Council
- Harlow District Council
- Uttlesford District Council
- Essex County Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Southend Borough Council
- South Essex Homes
- New Paths
- The University of Hertfordshire
- Aldwyck Housing Association
- Swan Housing Association
- Moat Housing Association
- Sanctuary Housing Association
- The Probation Service
- Refuge Essex
- Women's Aid Federation England
- Peninsula Business Services
- The Learning and Skills Council
- Job Centre Plus
- Rainbow Services
- Harlow Welfare Rights
- The Westminster Drugs Project

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### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of Safer Places are

***"The Charity is established to relieve distress and suffering amongst people living with or fleeing from, or at risk of, Domestic Abuse, including stalking and harassment; to provide education for their future benefit; to educate those who work with victims of domestic violence and to provide social housing."***

Our mission in pursuit of our objects is

***To ensure the safety, improve the quality of life and reduce the repeat victimisation for the survivors of domestic abuse by providing a comprehensive service of advice, support, education and training and immediate access to our safe accommodation when required.***

Our activities include -

- Facilities in Harlow, Braintree, Broxbourne, Chelmsford and Southend providing safe secure supported accommodation at any time for up to 116 women and their children who have experienced domestic abuse
- Floating Support schemes for women experiencing domestic abuse in Broxbourne, East Herts, Epping, Harlow, Uttlesford, Chelmsford, Braintree and Southend to enable them to live more safely in their own homes
- Floating Support scheme available to men experiencing domestic abuse
- Outreach centres across all areas where we work offering advice, support, training and education for women in the community who are living with domestic abuse
- Regular "Drop Ins" across all areas where we work offering advice, counselling and support to women in those communities who are living with domestic abuse
- Resource centres with internet access in our accommodation and outreach centres so that all clients have access to information that they need
- Training rooms in our larger refuges and all outreach centres to enable survivors of domestic abuse to gain skills that will empower them to move on in their lives
- A 24 hour helpline and interactive website providing advice information and access to safe accommodation
- Counselling

### **Review of 2012**

2012 has been another eventful year for Safer Places. We have been grappling with the implications of the Welfare Benefit and Localism Bill reforms, which at one stage appeared set to ring the death knell for all refuge provision in this country, but thankfully as a result of various amendments and action achieved on our part, we have entered 2013 with our refuge provision secured and with arrangements in place that we hope will make our refuge provision more sustainable long term. We applied for and gained, registration as a social landlord, which will, subject to changes in lease arrangements secure the best of those facilities we currently rent from others. It will also give us the opportunity to bid for central government and other funding to develop new facilities to replace those refuges that are below the standard we would ideally wish to provide.

We have also expanded our operations in 2012, taking on the Braintree and Chelmsford services in May and November respectively. This has brought us economies of scale, but also the opportunity to enrich our workforce as excellent staff from those services joined Safer Places. We now have 116 refuge spaces in Broxbourne, West Essex, Mid Essex and Southend and today are accommodating 116 women and their children whose experiences of domestic violence is such that they have had to move into a Safe House.

In addition to refuge provision, our community based activities have grown substantially and we have found new effective ways to work in order to meet the ever increasing demand for support from victims. There have been five deaths this year in Essex and five in Hertfordshire which are subject to a Domestic Homicide

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**Review** We have been involved in many of those review panels and involved in the Essex - wide review of domestic violence. Both have made us even more aware of how easy it is for high risk victims to slip through the gaps that exist between services. If we are to achieve our mission and maximise our impact on our beneficiaries, then we need to work hard as part of the wider community of organisations to ensure that gaps are closed and that those at highest risk are reached. To assist in achieving this aim we have worked closely in partnership with other organisations in the following projects

#### **Harlow Family First**

The Harlow Family First Project is now in its Second year, supporting families who fall below the threshold for a FIP (family intervention project). The support the families have received is a holistic approach supporting the whole family around many complex needs including children's behavioural issues, parenting capacity, mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse and debt. The Project is a multi-agency project and Safer Places has had two specialist domestic violence practitioners working as key workers in the project this year.

Families in need are able to work with the key worker to gain access to all the support services required and this may be from housing, employment, education or health. It is not a sign posting programme. For example, the Health Visitor works intensively with the key worker and principle family members in identifying the health improvements required, drawing up programmes and interventions to meet them and supporting delivery. This programme clearly demonstrates the benefits of close multi-agency working, swift referral mechanisms between agencies and a whole family all agency approach planning and tracking progress through the use of the Family Outcomes Star. Specific benefits of early intervention have been demonstrating including for example better antenatal mental health support leading to reduced requirements for post natal support.

#### **One Herts One Family**

Is a Hertfordshire wide service delivered in partnership with Westminster Drugs Project and is Big Lottery funded. The service is for children, parents and families where a variety of issues are causing problems for the children, including difficulties with drug or alcohol, domestic abuse, mental health or debt. The work is delivered in a family-focused holistic way to help children to be safe, resilient and healthy, to support adults to be effective parents, and families to communicate. The project aim is to offer the family emotional and practical support in tandem to build on existing parenting skills and relationships.

The services the project offers are

- Family therapy: these sessions explore communication within the family and focus on improving family relationships
- Couples counselling: for adults who have a shared responsibility for the care of a child to help them prioritise the needs of the child/ren and to explore relationship issues
- One-to-one therapy: to help individuals deal with the impact of their substance misuse, experience of domestic abuse or other issues
- Practical support: to help and support with debt, housing, training and education, legal advice, risk assessing and safety planning
- Parenting one-to-ones: to enhance parenting skills and offer practical and emotional support with parenting
- Therapeutic play: a time for children to express and work through their thoughts and feelings through the medium of non-directive play
- Parenting Groups: Positive Parenting Groups which help parents in similar situations to support each other and discuss practical techniques

#### **Daisy Maternity**

This is an innovative project being delivered by Safer Places within Princess Alexandra Hospital Maternity services, Harlow.

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The Daisy project involves a dedicated Domestic violence practitioner from Safer Places working full time within the Safeguarding team at the hospital alongside the Safeguarding midwife. Her role is three fold

- Providing training to clinical staff (principally midwives)
- Providing support and advice to midwives and other clinical staff
- Taking referrals from midwives and provide support to the women, reducing the risk from the abuse and improving the wellbeing of the mother and baby

The project is making a major contribution to safeguarding victims, their unborn children and their existing children. To date the increase in women who are disclosing domestic abuse is 13 times greater than it was in the year before the project began

#### **The Police Central Referral Unit project**

Multi-Agency Hub - Safer Places have had an experienced Domestic Violence practitioner working within the new Multi-Agency hub that Essex Police is establishing. Safer Places is the only agency to have put a member of staff into the hub but our experience has been that this partnership with the police has been very successful indeed. The new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub works within Essex Police Headquarters and the Safer Places Domestic Abuse Practitioner focuses on victims who for whatever reason have refused to engage with police or other support services. The aim of MASH is to increase reports of DA to police, reduce repeat victimisation, and provide a fast, effective, multi agency approach to their safeguarding. MASH is in the early stages of development, but we hope to have agencies such as health, social care, probation and Women's aid on board soon, and have a one-stop-shop for advice and access to police safeguarding without fear of reprisals.

MASH is fast becoming a first point of contact for not only victims, but also front line staff - police, doctors and children's centres, needing advice and safeguarding for their clients.

Since January, Safer Places domestic abuse practitioner has contacted nearly 200 victims. After contact with the practitioner, 60% of victims accepted a referral, where they previously they had refused to the police.

One particular case highlights the need to a third party impartial advisor within the police. After speaking to this victim, the practitioner received this email "I just wanted to say a big thank you for speaking to me the other day, it really helped me to be able to talk to someone that wasn't judgmental and who could also give practical advice. It's never an easy decision to decide to leave someone you love especially when there is a child involved. It's scary when you don't know what support you can get and you feel like your all alone. I don't know if I'm at the stage where I'm ready to leave yet but at least I have the information you provided to hand if I ever do get the courage to go." 3 days later, this victim got the courage, and the practitioner assisted by securing a place in refuge for this family.

#### **Hertfordshire service for families where there is domestic violence and alcohol abuse**

This new project supports families suffering domestic abuse with extra concerns around alcohol misuse. We are working in partnership with CRI the local drug and alcohol agency. Official launch of the service is 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for outside agencies to come and meet the team.

We have also worked more closely with all Councils and statutory agencies, training staff and putting in place easy referral processes.

The effectiveness of these approaches has led to a massive increase in demand for our services in Harlow and Braintree. Sustaining provision to meet demand has meant re-thinking how we deliver services and the implementation of a new gateway to our service, which assesses the need and risk around all of our referrals and designs bespoke packages of support that is proportionate to risk/need. We are also delighted to have



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been awarded a Big Lottery Fund Grant to support our work over the next three years – in the maternity service in Harlow, the police hub and to develop a service for attendees of A & E in Harlow

We have been focussing on “what works” in dealing with domestic violence and its impacts this year, and have developed a programme for victims which we will pilot in 2013, and have formally accredited with a view to marketing the programme and licensing practitioners to deliver it. We have also been considering the roots of perpetration and the different types of domestic abuse with a view to working more closely and effectively with partners to ensure a better joined up response is delivered in both Essex and Hertfordshire. It is notable that mental health and substance misuse problems amongst perpetrators are a very prominent factor in Domestic Homicide Reviews in the areas we operate, and there is therefore a need to ensure that responses from Health and Criminal Justice agencies are appropriate and based on proper consideration of the context in which people with dangerous behaviours are living.

### Plans for 2013

2013 Holds another programme of change and development for us

- We will be completing an organisational restructuring to make sure we remain fit for purpose, have the right people in the right roles and are able to offer services to those who work and cannot engage with us during the normal working day
- We are developing a new purpose built refuge for Braintree and a new refuge in Uttlesford
- We will extend our Daisy in reach services within West Essex and aim to replicate this model where possible across the remainder of Essex and in Hertfordshire
- We will extend Daisy in Harlow to cover mental health and substance misuse providers
- We will invest in the training and development of our staff beginning a programme to ensure that all frontline workers can gain a specialist professional qualification
- We will increase the number of volunteers working within our services
- We will focus on our work with criminal justice and mental health and substance misuse service partners in order to identify how we can ensure that they are as well placed as possible to take the action required to keep victims safe and deal with perpetrators
- We will focus on demonstrating the outcomes of our work using the star outcomes frameworks and the distance travelled risk tool
- We will work more closely with partners at the locality level exploiting opportunities for effective partnership and feeding back to stakeholders about issues and our activities in their area
- We will focus on ensuring that the voices of children are heard and responded to. Children's voices are rarely heard above the noise of the processes and procedures implemented to deal with perpetrators and support victims. We have taken some steps to ensure their voices are heard but in 2013 we will focus on helping children and young people to have their voice and ensuring what they have to say is heard by those who make decisions which so affect their lives

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### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the board to provide sufficient reserves to

- Ensure continuity of provision for a limited period in the event of a large variation in income in order that further income can be sourced or a reduction in service planned and implemented so as to minimise risk to our clients
- Pay the annual sums associated with reducing the deficit for which we are responsible related to our membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme
- Provide a refurbishment fund so that we can sustain our continuous planned upgrade and refurbishment programme

### Reserves held

- 1 Working Capital – with sufficient unrestricted funds to continue operating at current service level for a period of three months
- 2 Pension liability – with sufficient funds to make up the difference between the sums assured to the funding under covenant against the two properties recently purchased and the total deficit (total deficit this year stands at £1.4m)
- 3 Refurbishment – to undertake a rolling programme to sustain the quality of our accommodation and services
- 4 Specific reserves to meet strategic requirements

### Identified risks

The major risks facing Safer Places are

- The economic down turn and continuing pressure on public funding
- Changes to the benefits system which may impact upon housing benefit payments to supported housing
- Inability to secure funding to work with children and young people
- Increased competition, especially from large low unit cost providers whose experience is in generic housing support
- Shortage of housing in some areas which may increase lengths of stay in refuge and slow throughput impacting on the number of women and children for whom safe accommodation can be provided

### Investment Policy

It is the policy of Safer Places to achieve the best possible return on investment and therefore in the last year two properties have been purchased. The rental return on these properties will far exceed any rate that could be achieved currently through the financial institutions. Trustees will also negotiate with the Pension fund to secure the two new properties within a covenant which will enable the repayment period for the deficit to be extended over a longer period and will reduce the payments. Remaining funds on reserve will be placed on in three, six and 12 month deposits according to best rates at the time and the need for funds to be available.

### Review of Financial position

Safer Places has a sound financial position

Beneficiaries of Safer Places in the year – public benefit statement

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Safer Places has delivered public benefit in line with the objects and activities of the organisation through the delivery of our core services for which beneficiaries have been

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| Staying in the refuge | 471 women and 361 children              |
| Floating support      | 376 women                               |
| Outreach              | 2,184 women + 60 Daisy + 100 Police hub |
| Helpline calls        | 4,717 calls                             |
| Website               | 14,975 hits                             |

In addition we have delivered and will sustain further public benefit in relation to the specific areas set out in our mission

**Safety** – We are a key member of Multi-agency Risk Assessment Committees, which have been established MARACs meet monthly and share information and agree action to be taken by each agency to protect those victims and their children who are deemed to be at the highest risk on the basis of a shared risk assessment process. In terms of victimisation there is evidence that MARACs are successful in reducing repeat victimisation. A further area where we have developed a response to the risk of repeat victimisation is through our work in the Police Central Referral unit and the Daisy project where we have been able to engage with many high risk victims who had not previously accepted support. We have also been working closely with police and other colleagues towards the development of a multiagency safeguarding hub for Essex and the police CRU project is a first step towards that. In terms of quality of life, training and education we have this year further extended our employability training programme which has become an integral part of the service we offer and established a social enterprise Brighter futures through Open Doors which provides a vehicle for gaining work experience as well as qualifications and benefits volunteers and clients. This development in the service is much valued by women with many now achieving accredited qualifications and taking up voluntary and paid work. The broader social benefits of the programme include women entering employment and coming off benefits, women gaining basic skills and being better able to support the learning of their children, women entering higher education and volunteering adding to the social capital of the area in which they live.

### **Auditors**

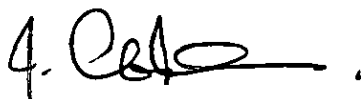
The Auditors, Price Bailey LLP Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be re-appointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

We, the directors of the charitable company who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- We have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

**By Order of the Board**

S King  
Chair of Trustees



# **SAFER PLACES (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

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We have audited the financial statements of Safer Places for the year ended 31 March 2013 set out on 12 to 23. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

Optional wording for disclaimer as issued by the Audit and Assurance Faculty (Audit 1/03)

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The Trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report to you in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at [www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm](http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm).

### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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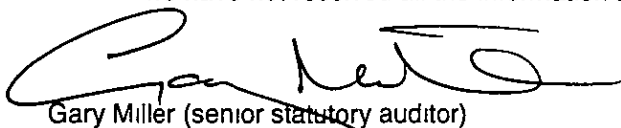
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**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements, or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit



Gary Miller (senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**PRICE BAILEY LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

Causeway House

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30 July 2013

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2013<br>£ | Total<br>2012<br>£ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                                    |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>               |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Voluntary income   |       | 13,128                     | 14,040                   | 27,168             | 35,098             |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>         |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Charitable activities  |       | 2,644,206                  | 329,591                  | 2,973,797          | 2,113,368          |
| Other finance income/(expense)                               |       | (76,000)                   | -                        | (76,000)           | (72,000)           |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                              | 2     | 2,581,334                  | 343,631                  | 2,924,965          | 2,076,466          |
| <b>Resources expended</b>                                    |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                                 | 3     | 2,156,137                  | 421,448                  | 2,577,585          | 2,143,332          |
| <b>Governance Costs</b>                                      | 3     | 13,469                     | -                        | 13,469             | 12,941             |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>                              | 3     | 2,169,606                  | 421,448                  | 2,591,054          | 2,156,273          |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>    |       | 411,728                    | (77,816)                 | 333,912            | (79,807)           |
| Transfer between funds                                       |       | (77,816)                   | 77,816                   | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations</b> |       | 333,912                    | -                        | 333,912            | (79,807)           |
| Actuarial gains/(losses)                                     |       | 1,122,000                  | -                        | 1,122,000          | (618,000)          |
|  |       | 1,455,912                  | -                        | 1,455,912          | (697,807)          |
| Total funds at 1 April as previously stated                  |       | (862,686)                  | -                        | (862,686)          | 1,440,121          |
| Prior year adjustment  |       | -                          | -                        | -                  | (1,605,000)        |
| Total funds at 31 March 2012 as restated                     |       | -                          | -                        | -                  | (164,879)          |
| Total funds at 31 March 2013                                 |       | 593,226                    | -                        | 593,226            | (862,686)          |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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**COMPANY NUMBER: 02789572**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AT 31 MARCH 2013**

|   | Notes |                  | 2013             | 2012             |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>   |       | £                | £                | £                |
| Tangible assets   | 6     |                  | 681,501          | 759,201          |
| Investment  | 23    |                  | 130              | -                |
| <b>Current assets</b>   |       |                  |                  |                  |
| Debtors   | 7     | 132,412          |                  | 17,716           |
| Cash at bank and in hand  |       | 1,125,286        |                  | 731,388          |
|   |       | <u>1,257,698</u> |                  | <u>749,104</u>   |
| <b>Creditors, amounts falling due within one year</b>           | 8     | 300,103          |                  | 236,991          |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                                       |       |                  | <u>957,595</u>   | <u>512,113</u>   |
| <b>Net assets excluding pension scheme assets/(liabilities)</b> |       |                  | <u>1,639,226</u> | <u>1,271,314</u> |
| Defined benefit pension scheme liability                        |       |                  | (1,046,000)      | (2,134,000)      |
| <b>Net assets including pension scheme assets/(liabilities)</b> |       |                  | <u>593,226</u>   | <u>(862,686)</u> |
| <b>Represented by.</b>  |       |                  |                  |                  |
| Restricted funds  | 18    |                  | -                | -                |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                                       |       |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Designated funds -</i>                                       |       |                  |                  |                  |
| Building fund   | 11    | 750,000          |                  | -                |
| Carol Young Memorial fund                                       | 12    | -                |                  | 500              |
| Pension Deficiency fund   | 13    | 186,447          |                  | 186,447          |
| Redundancy fund   | 14    | -                |                  | -                |
| Refurbishment fund  | 15    | 175,000          |                  | 175,000          |
| It infrastructure fund  | 16    | 175,000          |                  | -                |
|   |       | <u></u>          | <u>1,286,447</u> | <u>361,947</u>   |
| Unrestricted fund   | 17    |                  | (693,221)        | (1,224,633)      |
|   |       |                  | <u>593,226</u>   | <u>(862,686)</u> |

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.  
 Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30/7/13 and signed on its behalf by

**S King**  
**Director**



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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 Applicable United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) have been followed in these financial statements

#### **(b) Company status**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1 In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity

#### **(c) Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements

Restricted funds are funds, which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes The cost of raising and administering such funds is charged against the specific fund The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements

#### **(d) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy Such income is only deferred when

- The donor specifies that the grant must be used in the future accounting periods, or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received

Grants have been included as income from charitable activities where these amount to a contract for services but as voluntary income where the money is given in response to an appeal or with greater freedom of use, for example monies for core funding

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers



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#### **(e) Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### **(f) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £100 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Property assets will be valued every 3 years.

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Property                          | 10.0% |
| Fixtures & fittings and furniture | 33.3% |
| Motor vehicles                    | 20.0% |

#### **(g) Pension costs**

The company participates in a group defined benefit pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company, being invested in managed funds.

This is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the charity in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

#### **(h) Operating Leases**

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### **(a) Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

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**2 Incoming Resources**

|                                      | Unrestricted<br>2013<br>£ | Restricted<br>2013<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>2012<br>£ | Restricted<br>2012<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>From generated funds</b>          |                           |                         |                           |                         |
| Donations                            | 7,336                     | 14,040                  | 23,013                    | 475                     |
| Bank Interest                        | 5,792                     | -                       | 11,610                    | -                       |
|                                      | <u>13,128</u>             | <u>14,040</u>           | <u>34,623</u>             | <u>475</u>              |
| <b>From Charitable activities:</b>   |                           |                         |                           |                         |
| Supporting People                    | 1,414,909                 | -                       | 1,244,702                 | -                       |
| Receipts from Residents              | 865,931                   | -                       | 702,421                   | -                       |
| Epping Outreach                      | -                         | 16,940                  | -                         | 16,940                  |
| ECC Local Priority Fund              | -                         | 10,535                  | -                         | -                       |
| Chelmsford Big Lottery               | -                         | 17,753                  | -                         | -                       |
| Chelmsford City Council              | -                         | 8,333                   | -                         | -                       |
| NHS Partnership Fund                 | -                         | 4,523                   | -                         | -                       |
| Braintree Council Grant              | -                         | 20,000                  | 16,000                    | -                       |
| Herts County Council DASFF           | -                         | 37,875                  | -                         | 12,500                  |
| Broxbourne Enhanced Services         | -                         | 16,364                  | -                         | -                       |
| TCHC                                 | -                         | 3,600                   | -                         | 3,600                   |
| ECF Funding                          | -                         | 18,750                  | -                         | -                       |
| Chelmsford Women's Aid               | 323,934                   | -                       | -                         | -                       |
| Braintree Women's Aid                | 18,146                    | 20,000                  | -                         | -                       |
| Harlow Intensive Family Support      | -                         | 40,188                  | -                         | -                       |
| One Herts One Family                 | -                         | 16,145                  | -                         | -                       |
| Hertfordshire Children's Services    | -                         | 20,093                  | -                         | 24,111                  |
| Essex County Council Harlow          | -                         | 59,872                  | -                         | 10,000                  |
| Essex County Council Braintree       | -                         | 12,356                  | -                         | -                       |
| Essex County Council Chelmsford      | -                         | 6,264                   | -                         | -                       |
| Family Support Coordination Services | -                         | -                       | 7,500                     | -                       |
| Skills Training                      | 6,658                     | -                       | 31,377                    | -                       |
| Comic Relief                         | -                         | -                       | -                         | 34,773                  |
| Miscellaneous                        | 14,628                    | -                       | 9,444                     | -                       |
|                                      | <u>2,644,206</u>          | <u>329,591</u>          | <u>2,011,444</u>          | <u>101,924</u>          |
| Other finance income/expense)        | (76,000)                  | -                       | (72,000)                  | -                       |
|                                      | <u><u>2,581,334</u></u>   | <u><u>343,631</u></u>   | <u><u>1,974,067</u></u>   | <u><u>102,399</u></u>   |

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| 3 Resources expended                       | Method of allocation | Direct services to women seeking support |                |  |               | Work with children | Governance       | Total 2013       | Total 2012 |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------|--|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
|  |                      | Outreach work                            | Outreach work  | Direct services to women seeking support | Outreach work |                    |                  |                  |            |
| <b>Costs directly allocated to service</b> |                      |  |                |  |               |                    |                  |                  |            |
| Staff costs                                | Direct               | 374,123                                  | 374,123        | 971,587                                  | 42,466        | -                  | -                | 1,388,176        | 1,204,948  |
| Pension costs                              | Direct               | -  | -              | (42,000)                                 | -             | -                  | -                | (42,000)         | (161,000)  |
| Audit fee                                  | Direct               | -  | -              | -  | -             | 11,674             | 11,674           | 11,674           | 12,800     |
| Meeting expenses                           | Direct               | -  | -              | -  | -             | 1,795              | 1,795            | 1,795            | 141        |
| Professional fees                          | Direct               | -  | -              | 84,769                                   | -             | -                  | -                | 84,769           | 43,598     |
| Rent                                       | Direct               | 4,100                                    | 4,100          | 298,163                                  | -             | -                  | -                | 302,263          | 274,027    |
| General expenses                           | Direct               | 759                                      | 759            | 95,918                                   | -             | -                  | -                | 96,677           | 124,576    |
| <b>Support costs</b>                       |                      |  |                |  |               |                    |                  |                  |            |
| Staff                                      | Direct               | -  | -              | 427,431                                  | -             | -                  | -                | 427,431          | 366,084    |
| Depreciation                               | Direct               | -  | -              | 110,893                                  | -             | -                  | -                | 110,893          | 95,286     |
| Office costs                               | Direct               | -  | -              | 145,835                                  | -             | -                  | -                | 145,835          | 129,413    |
| Communications                             | Direct               | -  | -              | 48,837                                   | -             | -                  | -                | 48,837           | 50,112     |
| Insurance                                  | Direct               | -  | -              | 14,704                                   | -             | -                  | -                | 14,704           | 16,288     |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>            |                      | <b>378,982</b>                           | <b>378,982</b> | <b>2,156,137</b>                         | <b>42,466</b> | <b>13,469</b>      | <b>2,591,054</b> | <b>2,156,273</b> |            |

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**4 Operating profit**

|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| This is stated after charging                | <b>2013</b>       | <b>2012</b>       |
|  | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Trustees emoluments                          | -                 | -                 |
| Auditor's remuneration                       | 11,674            | 12 800            |
| Operating lease rentals – land and buildings | 248,320           | 253,670           |
| Operating lease rentals – office equipment   | 13,675            | 19,051            |
| Depreciation of owned assets                 | 110,893           | 95,286            |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**5 Staff costs**

|                       |                   |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | <b>2013</b>       | <b>2012</b>       |
|                       | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          |
| Wages and salaries    | 1,512,912         | 1,310,651         |
| Social security costs | 102,662           | 87,637            |
| Other pension costs   | 94,474            | 92,817            |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
|                       | 1,710,048         | 1,491,105         |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

The average weekly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was made up as follows

|                       |                   |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | <b>2013</b>       | <b>2012</b>       |
|                       | <b>No</b>         | <b>No</b>         |
| Charitable activities | 75                | 60                |
|                       | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

There was one employee earning between £60,000 and £70,000 during the year (2012 One) Pension costs in respect of this employee were £7,468 (2012 7,468) Expenses incurred during the year were £2,523 (2012 £1,587)

No trustees received remuneration during the year (2012 £nil) Expenses were received during the year of £nil (2012 £nil)

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**6 Tangible fixed assets**

|                        | Property       | Furniture<br>and<br>Equipment<br>£ | Vehicle<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>Cost:</b>           |                |                                    |              |                  |
| At 1 April 2012        | 761,527        | 388,420                            | 5,834        | 1,155,781        |
| Additions              | 24,036         | 15,857                             | -            | 39,893           |
| Disposals              | (2,514)        | (44,496)                           | -            | (47,010)         |
| At 31 March 2013       | <u>783,049</u> | <u>359,781</u>                     | <u>5,834</u> | <u>1,148,664</u> |
| <b>Depreciation:</b>   |                |                                    |              |                  |
| At 1 April 2012        | 46,404         | 344,342                            | 5,834        | 396,580          |
| Charge for the year    | 77,336         | 33,557                             | -            | 110,893          |
| On Disposals           | (147)          | (40,163)                           | -            | (40,310)         |
| At 31 March 2013       | <u>123,593</u> | <u>337,736</u>                     | <u>5,834</u> | <u>467,163</u>   |
| <b>Net book value.</b> |                |                                    |              |                  |
| At 31 March 2012       | <u>715,123</u> | <u>44,078</u>                      | <u>-</u>     | <u>759,201</u>   |
| At 31 March 2013       | <u>659,456</u> | <u>22,045</u>                      | <u>-</u>     | <u>681,501</u>   |

The fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes

**7 Debtors**

|                                  | 2013<br>£      | 2012<br>£     |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Trade debtors                    | 106,109        | 11,273        |
| Other debtors and accrued income | 20,578         | 832           |
| Prepayments                      | 5,725          | 5,611         |
|                                  | <u>132,412</u> | <u>17,716</u> |

**8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                              | 2013<br>£      | 2012<br>£      |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trade creditors              | 34,643         | 34,351         |
| Taxation & Social Security   | 58,598         | 45,632         |
| Accruals and deferred income | 206,862        | 157,008        |
|                              | <u>300,103</u> | <u>236,991</u> |

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**9 Deferred Income**

|                                   | <b>B/fwd</b>   | <b>In year</b>   | <b>Deferred</b>  | <b>Income</b>    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Supporting people                 | 135,158        | 1,418,581        | (138,829)        | 1,414,910        |
| Hertfordshire Children's services | -              | 24,112           | (4,019)          | 20,093           |
| Broxbourne enhanced services      | -              | 20,000           | (3,636)          | 16,364           |
| Chelmsford big lottery            | -              | 22,951           | (5,198)          | 17,753           |
|                                   | <u>135,158</u> | <u>1,485,644</u> | <u>(151,682)</u> | <u>1,469,120</u> |

**10 Analysis of net assets between funds**

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total<br/>2013</b> | <b>Total<br/>2012</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>              |
| <b>Fund balances at 31 March 2011 are represented by:</b> |                               |                             |                       |                       |
| Investment  | 130                           | -                           | 130                   | -                     |
| Tangible fixed assets                                     | 681,501                       | -                           | 681,501               | 759,201               |
| Current assets  | 1,257,698                     | -                           | 1,257,698             | 749,104               |
| Total liabilities   | (1,346,103)                   | -                           | (1,346,103)           | (2,370,991)           |
| Total net assets  | <u>593,226</u>                | <u>-</u>                    | <u>593,226</u>        | <u>(862,686)</u>      |

**11 Building fund**

|  | <b>2013<br/>£</b> | <b>2012<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward                      | -                 | 300,000           |
| Used during year                             | -                 | (300,000)         |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | 750,000           | -                 |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>750,000</u>    | <u>-</u>          |

The fund is to be used for building new refuges on land to be gifted

**12 Carol Young Memorial Fund**

|  | <b>2013<br/>£</b> | <b>2012<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward                      | 500               | 500               |
| Used during year                             | -                 | -                 |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | (500)             | -                 |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>-</u>          | <u>500</u>        |

The fund was used to finance women's educational pursuits while at the refuge and has now been exhausted

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**13 Pension deficiency fund**

|  | <b>2013</b>    | <b>2012</b>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Balance brought forward                      | 186,447        | 186,447        |
| Used during year                             | (117,441)      | (98,307)       |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | 117,441        | 98,307         |
|  | <u>186,447</u> | <u>186,447</u> |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>186,447</u> | <u>186,447</u> |

The fund has been revised to cover 24 months of the contributions required to reduce the pension fund deficit (See Note 19) In the current economic climate it is no longer considered possible to cover 100% of the deficit

**14 Redundancy fund**

|  | <b>2013</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Balance brought forward                      | -           | -           |
| Used during year                             | -           | (28,460)    |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | -           | 28,460      |
|  | <u>-</u>    | <u>-</u>    |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>-</u>    | <u>-</u>    |

The fund has been set up to cover the redundancy payments resulting from the need to reduce staff numbers to match the cut in Supporting People payments

**15 Refurbishment fund**

|  | <b>2013</b>    | <b>2012</b>    |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| Balance brought forward                      | 175,000        | 175,000        |
| Used during year                             | -              | (39,506)       |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | -              | 39,506         |
|  | <u>175,000</u> | <u>175,000</u> |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>175,000</u> | <u>175,000</u> |

This fund was set-up to cover the costs of planned refurbishment work on new and existing properties

**16 IT Infrastructure fund**

|  | <b>2013</b>    | <b>2012</b> |
|--|----------------|-------------|
|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    |
| Balance brought forward                      | -              | -           |
| Used during year                             | -              | -           |
| Transfer from/(to) revenue reserve (note 16) | 175,000        | -           |
|  | <u>175,000</u> | <u>-</u>    |
| Balance carried forward                      | <u>175,000</u> | <u>-</u>    |

This fund has been set-up to cover the costs of upgrading the IT infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of the organisation

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### 17 Revenue reserve

|                                       | 2013<br>£   | 2012<br>£   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance brought forward (as restated) | (1,224,633) | (826,826)   |
| <b>Net movement in reserves:</b>      |             |             |
| Building fund (note 11)               | (750,000)   | 300,000     |
| Carol Young Memorial fund (note 12)   | 500         | -           |
| Pension deficiency fund (note 13)     | -           | -           |
| Redundancy fund (note 14)             | -           | -           |
| Refurbishment fund (note 15)          | -           | -           |
| IT Infrastructure fund (note 16)      | (175,000)   | -           |
| Surplus (deficit) for the year        | 1,455,912   | (697,807)   |
| Balance carried forward               | (693,221)   | (1,224,633) |

### 18 Taxation

The nature of the income received and the company's charitable activities means that no corporation tax liability arises on the results for the year and no VAT is recoverable on inputs or payable on outputs

### 19 Defined benefit pension scheme

Safer Places participates in a defined benefit scheme operated by Essex County Council, which is funded. The pension cost and provision for the year ending 31 March 2013 are based on the advice of a professionally qualified actuary. The most recent formal valuation is dated 31 March 2013. The results of this valuation were as follows. Pension contribution made for the year ended 31 March 2013 was £117,441 (2012 £92,817). The agreed contribution rate for future years is £98,307.

|  | 2013<br>£   | 2012<br>£   |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Market value of assets                 | 3,016,000   | 1,608,000   |
| Present value of scheme liabilities    | (4,062,000) | (3,742,000) |
| Deficit in the scheme                  | (1,046,000) | (2,134,000) |
| Related deferred tax liability         | -           | -           |
| Net pension Liability                  | (1,046,000) | (2,134,000) |
| Movements in deficit during the year   |             |             |
| Deficit in scheme at beginning of year | (2,134,000) | (1,605,000) |
| Current year service cost              | (168,000)   | (126,000)   |
| Contributions                          | 210,000     | 342,000     |
| Other finance income – Actuarial loss  | (76,000)    | (72,000)    |
| Actuarial gain/(loss)                  | 1,122,000   | (618,000)   |
| Surplus (deficit) for the year         | -           | (55,000)    |
| Balance carried forward                | (1,046,000) | (2,134,000) |



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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

### **20 Related parties**

During the year the charity made purchases of £8,178 (2012 £3,775) from D Wildey, a trustee of the charity. No balance was due at the year end.

### **21 Ultimate control**

The charity is under no overall control, but is administered by the trustees.

### **22 Financial commitments**

At 31 March 2013 the charity was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 March 2013:

|                               | Land and buildings |                | Other    |          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
|                               | 2013               | 2012           | 2013     | 2012     |
| Operating leases which expire |                    |                |          |          |
| Within one year               | 42,970             | 45,578         | -        | -        |
| Between two and five years    | 143,312            | 105,635        | -        | -        |
| In more than five years       | 15,007             | 12,280         | -        | -        |
|                               | <u>201,188</u>     | <u>163,493</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

### **23 Capital Commitments**

At 31 March 2013 Safer Places had no capital commitments.

### **24 Investments**

During the year the charity set up Brighter Futures@Open Doors CIC. A wholly owned subsidiary which did not trade during the year. Investment at cost £100, (2012 £nil).

During the year the charity invested in Paladin National Stalking Advocacy Service CIC. The charity owns 30% of the shares issued and although the CIC traded during the year under review the results are considered immaterial to be incorporated into these financial statements. Investment at cost £30, (2012 £nil).