

Failsworth and Hollinwood District Partnership

May 2013

Money management, 1st May to 31st August 2013

APOLOGY: I would like to highlight my regret and apologise for the absence of a report at your last executive meeting. I can assure you we recognise it is essential that progress reports are provided and will endeavour to make sure this does not occur again.

1. Background

1.1. Oldham CAB delivers debt advice sessions on a weekly basis in the Failsworth and Hollinwood District. These sessions alternate weekly between Failsworth Town Hall and Limehurst Library, complementing CAB sessions funded by Oldham Council that also alternate weekly ensuring weekly provision in both.

2. Performance

- 2.1. For this period we have seen 52 people, 37 in Failsworth and 15 in Limehurst
- 2.2. The amount of debt rescheduled for this 4 month period is £78,545. Though this service was promoted as debt advice, welfare benefits issues are increasing, we have had 41 specific benefits enquiries in this period.

3. Further development

- 3.1. New banners have been produced for both services we hope this will continue to raise awareness
- 3.2. Though there is definite improvement in attendance at Limehurst we continue to promote this strongly and ask members to continue to help in this area.