

Notes of a meeting with Cllr Richard Farnell Leader Rochdale Labour Group 11th June

As Chief Whip I arranged a meeting with the Lead of the labour group to go through various group positions etc.

At the end of the meeting I raised with the Leader the issues of press articles that questioned his knowledge of the Knowl View abuse reports.

Cllr Farnell indicated that Cllr Hawton (as Chair of Rochdale Health Authority), had received a report from her senior officer that had been written by a sexual health worker employed by the Health Authority. As a consequence of that report the council was preparing a report, this was between approx. March and June 1992. Cllr Farnell said he had only seen a draft report and the full report wasn't complete until June by that time he had lost his council seat and ceased to be council leader.

Cllr Farnell stated the full report was presented to Cllr Rowen who had taken the leadership of the council.

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Labour Group Chief Whip

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