

- 3.6. In line with the terms of reference for the Review the chronology runs in the order of the date of alleged events and incidents rather than the date of knowledge, reporting or recording of those events and incidents although it does sometimes make reference to this.
- 3.7. The chronology attempts to reference the source of the information in relation to each entry, however, copies of the documents it references are not exhibited and with the passage of time it is not now easy to determine exactly where each entry has originated from.

Section 4.

Rochdale Borough Council's relationship with Cambridge House and how some children came to be placed there

- 4.1. The information in this section has been obtained from documentation held by Rochdale Council and provided to the Inquiry, including the minutes of Rochdale Council meetings between 1960 and 1965, Rochdale Council Children's Department files on **RO-A69**, **RO-A49** and **RO-A79** and the transcript of the interview of Lyndon Price conducted by the Garnham review.
- 4.2. The Rochdale Hostel for Boys Association (Cambridge House) was a voluntary organisation formed in 1960.
- 4.3. The only records held by Rochdale Council in relation to Cambridge House are Committee minutes from the 1960s. From the Committee minutes it is clear that the Cambridge House premises were leased to the Rochdale Hostel for Boys Association by Rochdale Council. Rochdale Council also provided a grant towards the cost of running Cambridge House.
- 4.4. From the outset the main link between Rochdale Council and Cambridge House was Cyril Smith, who was a Councillor at that time and chaired Rochdale Council's Youth Committee, and was the Honorary Secretary of the Association (Cambridge House).
- 4.5. His fellow officers on the Committee of The Rochdale Hostel for Boys Association were the Chairman, Mr William (Bill) Harding Senior Probation Officer, and the Treasurer, Mr Albert Potter, the manager of the Trustees Savings Bank.
- 4.6. There were other members of The Rochdale Hostel for Boys Committee, including Harry Halstead, JP, Harry Howarth, JP and leader of the local Liberal party and Rev. John Potter, Vicar of St. Aidan's Church, Rochdale. However it appears from records held by Rochdale Council that the other members of the Committee played a much smaller role in the running of Cambridge House than the three officers of the Committee.