

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**EXB51 CONNEXIONS UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, on the procurement options for future Information Advice and Guidance service for children and young people and the contractual implications between the six Greater Merseyside Local Authorities and the Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership.

The Board was asked to consider the service delivery requirements from 2012-13 and the arrangements needed to secure that delivery. At the meeting, it was confirmed that at the last Learn Together Partnership meeting, the Directors of Childrens' Services had agreed that 2012/13 service specifications be used with negotiations with Connexions and for the procurement exercise.

**RESOLVED: That**

- 1) Executive Board agrees that work can continue on a City Region level;
- 2) a parallel procurement process can be undertaken for 2012/2013; and
- 3) Subject to agreement by the Directors of Children's Services on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011, service specifications can be used with negotiations with Connexions and for the procurement exercise.