

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2011

**EXB70 DWP/ESF PROGRAMME FOR FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE
PROBLEMS – KEY DECISION**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise on the outcome of the tender process for the Programme for Families with Multiple Problems.

The Board was advised that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) had notified the preferred bidder for the European Social Fund (ESF) programme for families with multiple problems. Reed in Partnership would deliver their programme across the ten local authorities in the Contract Package Area (CPA) which included Halton, Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.

Members were advised that a copy of Reed's ESF Document 'The Families Programme', set out the support they would provide to families, their delivery approach, the supply chain to the public, private and voluntary sectors they would be working with and how they would work with key stakeholders across Merseyside and Halton.

The report provided Members with the progress to date and details of the next steps.

Reason(s) for Decision

To ensure that the proposed actions could be agreed and implemented prior to the implementation date.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

As DWP had awarded the contract for ESF Programmes for Families with Multiple Problems to Reed in Partnership, the only viable option that was available to Halton was to ensure as far as possible, through the proposed actions that our communities obtain maximum benefit from the provision and were safeguarded effectively.

Implementation Date

DWP had advised that the implementation date of the ESF provision was 14th December 2011; however this may be delayed due to the need to establish safeguarding protocols and other requirements with Reed in Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the actions contained in the report be agreed.