

## **INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (FP 40)**

### **Nature of the decision:**

1. To extend the Peninsula Local Authority Contract for Information, Advice and Guidance delivered Careers South West (formally Connexions) until June 2011.

Value of Extension (Plymouth Contribution): At current value approx £625,000 for April 2011 – June 2010 (subject to negotiations in respect to contract value)

2. To undertake a tender for the Information Advice and Guidance Service for Young People aged 13-19 during 2010 (tender to start after the general election) for a contract starting July 2011.

Proposed contract length: 3 years with an option for 2 year extension.

Contract award (Plymouth Contribution): At current value £2.5million per year (subject to negotiations in respect to contract value)

**Who will make the decision?** Cabinet (on the recommendation of Councillor Monahan)

**Timing of the decision?** 16 March 2010

### **Who will be consulted and how?**

#### Persons to be consulted with:

Peninsula Local Authority Commissioning Group  
Plymouth Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) Strategy Group (including Assistant Director For Lifelong Learning and Head of IYSS)  
Chief Executive Careers South West and the Careers South West Management Board  
Schools  
Young People and Parents  
14-19 Curriculum Strategy Group  
Jane Keeley, Acting Head of Strategic Procurement  
Plymouth Legal Dept  
Other Peninsula Local Authorities Procurement and Legal Teams

#### Process to be used:

Local authorities have a number of statutory duties in relation to the provision of Information, Advice and Guidance which are currently discharged within the contract with Careers South West (formally Connexions Cornwall and Devon)

As there is a general election planned for May or June next year it is proposed that this contract is extended to July 2011 in order to allow for a potential tender process which cannot take place during the period of Purda that the election with entail. Negotiation meetings have been set between the Peninsula Local Authorities and Careers South West to identify any changes to the contract that needed for 2010-2011 in the light of possible budgetary pressures and changes in National

Legislation.

As the Lead Commissioner for the Peninsula Commissioning Group, Plymouth have produced papers timetabling to preparation of a business case for future of a Peninsula –wide Information, Advice and Guidance Service for young people in 2011 and beyond. This has been agreed by the Peninsula Commissioning leads and a series of Peninsula meetings has been established to develop this.

In order to develop this business case a needs analysis will be developed, which will include feedback and input from young people, parents and other key stakeholders, including schools.

As the current provider is a Local Authority owned company the business case will include a rationale as to whether a Teckal Exemption could apply.

As a parallel process the Plymouth IYSS strategy group will be reviewing the IYSS Strategy in light of the needs analysis' that have been taken for the Children and Young People's plan. These developments will inform the Peninsula business case with the The Children's Trust Commissioning Team facilitating both developments, working in partnership with the Head of Integrated Youth Support.

**Information to be considered by the decision makers:**

Current Performance

The Peninsula Business Case

The general election and period where a tender exercise will be prohibited. This will push the tendering timetable forward, meaning that to allow for a period of handover in case another provider wins the tender

**Is this a part of the Budget and Policy Framework?** Yes

**Documents to be considered when the decision is taken**

Business case (to be completed February 2010)

Rationale for tender

Tender timetable

**Representations:** In writing by 1 March 2010 to:

Richenda Broad, Head of Strategic Planning and Children's Trust Business  
Councillor Grant Monahan (Cabinet member)

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