## **Enterprise and Learning Committee**

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1) The School of Chemistry at Bangor University works closely with the Royal Society of Chemistry on promoting chemistry within all sectors of the society. The RSC has funded a part-time position at BU to promote outreach activities in Wales at school level (see ppt on Bangor/Chemistry outreach).

2) 22 spinouts from Bangor University relate to businesses started through G2E/KEF/Wales spinout programme.

3) There are currently three chemistry-based projects in the pipeline for commercial exploitation; this should be helped by the creation a new dynamic and focussed commercialisation unit in the University that will deliver a new entrepreneurial culture within the University which will significantly enhance the opportunities to commercially exploit IP and knowledge. The IP panel has been operating for 12 months with external expert advisors who have been reviewing our IP portfolio.

4) The School of Chemistry has been successful in utilising European Structural Funds to involve local industries (mainly SMEs in the Obj 1 region) in research that will lead to commercialisation. A total of 9 PhD and 16 MSc students have carried out research closely supervised by academic and industrial supervisors.

5) The School took part in 12 KTPs and has been successful in 2 CIRP grants that involved a large number of Welsh companies.

6) A total of 8 patents from the School are currently subject to discussions on commercialisation.

7) The School appointed a full-time industrial liaison officer in 2006 to enhance collaboration with industry.



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- 8) ESF funding was secured in 2007 to develop and deliver CPD for SMEs.
- 9) ERDF was used successfully in a number of projects; the largest was dedicated to establishing a visualisation facility in the School, whose main focus was on enabling SMEs in Obj1 region to enhance their research capabilities.
- 10) DTI fiunding was secured with a number of industrial partners in Wales and the rest of the UK.
- 11) EU funding was secured to enable the School to play part in a number of projects; the largest involved 27 partners (including 20 industrial) dedicated to the security of the citizens in Europe.