<u>Enterprise and Learning Committee</u>

<u>Response to action point from Semta – 13 October 2010</u>

<u>Pathway to Apprenticeships</u>

<u>Minimal Success/Activity with Employer Groups</u>

Ystrad Mynach College
Bridgend College
Coleg Gwent
Yale College
Swansea College
Coleg Menai
Neath Port Talbot College
Coleg Powys

<u>Some Success/Activity with Employer Groups</u>

Coleg Sir Gar
Barry College
Coleg Meirion Dwyfor
Coleg Morgannwg
Pembrokeshire College

<u>Good Success/Activity with Employer Groups</u>

Coleg Llandrillo
Deeside College

<u>Broadband issue</u>

1.19 Although the issue of geographical availability is UK-wide, we found that businesses in rural areas and in Scotland were significantly more dissatisfied with the availability of internet/data services while businesses in Wales were significantly more dissatisfied with mobile coverage. A number of small business representatives who attended the various roundtable events we held across the UK, also expressed concerns about slow broadband speeds in some rural parts of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and made the point that fast broadband services are vital for these areas. Many of them also referred to poor mobile coverage as a cause of frustration, adding that in certain areas only one of the five mobile network operators covers their business location.