

Councillor Lyndon Jones  
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Panel

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Dear Councillor Jones

Swansea's Skill Partnership/ Partneriaeth Sgiliau Abertawe (PSA) has a representative from the regional learning and skills partnership where business employers' views are represented and PSA group members also sit on the board, chaired by a TATA steel representative. As officers pointed out there was a common thread in what all employers across a wide range of businesses were looking for, someone who could be on time, dressed for work and definitely not hung over, whatever their qualifications. An increasing number of businesses are working with our schools. You have referred to visits the Scrutiny Panel has made to schools where you have learnt of the involvement of businesses and entrepreneurial skills development. We are in discussion with those businesses to see if they can commit to serving on another body such as the PSA. Currently, PSA has 3 strategic priorities that are relevant to employment, namely:

- building digital capacity where we have linked with Admiral through the sub-group;
- advice and guidance for careers and future occupations where Careers Wales provides linkage with employers; and
- a new NEETS partnership where there is linkage with training and employment.

Yours sincerely



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