

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....17th December 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Economic Climate Update Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided Members with an overview of the current economic climate, outlining the effects that this was having on Stockton Borough, and the mitigations already in place and those being developed in response to this.

The monthly update report enabled a focussed account to be made of any recent changes to economic circumstances (both positive and negative) the direct impact that this may be having on the Borough, and the responses and mitigations either in place or being developed to support businesses and residents.

The recent announcement from Corus that it was to mothball its Teesside Cast Products at the end of January, with the loss of 1,700 jobs, had been a particular blow to the region. This Council, other Tees Valley Local Authorities and partners, had since developed a comprehensive package of support for those affected, including an on-site facility with employment, information and advice and guidance experts. Petroplus had also regrettably confirmed that it would not be re-starting its refinery, with an expected loss of 75 jobs.

On a positive note:-

-Stockton-based engineering company, Aker Solutions, recently revealed it was close to signing a major new contract. The company, which employed 600 staff, was also currently recruiting another 50, which would be based at its Teesside and Warrington offices.

-R&A Kay Inspection Services in Stockton, had achieved its five year targets in 18 months and was taking on 15 new members of staff, taking the number of inspectors employed by them to 65.

-Darchem Engineering, suppliers to the aerospace, defence and nuclear industries, was expanding its Stillington facilities, with the possibility of new jobs.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the work being undertaken be supported.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The global economic slow down is having a significant affect on local businesses, residents and Council Services.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Tuesday, 29th December 2009

Proper Officer  
21 December 2009