

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting20th December 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Economic Climate Update Report

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a monthly update report providing 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.

Further to a request, at a previous meeting of Cabinet, Chris Livingstone, from Jobcentre Plus, was in attendance to provide further detail behind indicators relating to:-

- Numbers of people on Job Seekers Allowance
- New Claims to Job Seekers Allowance
- Vacancies Notified
- Unfilled Vacancies

Members noted that Stockton's indicators were positive in terms of trends across the Tees Valley.

It was explained that vacancies detailed within the indicators only reflected about 30% of total vacancies available to Stockton Borough residents. The remaining vacancies were accessible via other means such as web sites. Typically the 7.4 jobseekers per vacancy recorded for November 2010 would, taking all vacancies into account, actually be 2.23.

Members were informed that customers visiting the Jobcentre could view jobs it had been notified of on job points. The system allowed users to refine searches but they could also view all jobs, regardless of type, pay level, area etc.

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

3. Reasons for the Decision

The global economic slow down was 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

Midnight on 30 December 2010

Proper Officer
22 December 2010