

Ken Skates takes action to support Tesco workers

Tesco recently announced plans to close its Customer Contact Centre in Llanishen, with the potential loss of 1100 jobs.

The new Taskforce, which Ken Skates is keen to see established at the earliest possible opportunity, will see the key players gathered around one table to pool their knowledge and resources and ensure that as many of the 1100 people currently working at the centre are provided with the very best support should they need to find alternative employment.

The Economy Secretary said:

“I’ve been very clear about my deep disappointment over the proposed closure of this award winning Customer Contact Centre in Cardiff and also about the way this news was broken to staff.

Wales has a well-established support infrastructure in place for workers who are affected by redundancy and at times like this when one organisation is proposing to cut a high number of jobs, it is really helpful to get all the key players around one table so we can discuss the best and innovative ways of supporting affected workers.

This is a tried and tested approach as demonstrated by the success of a similar taskforce to support employees affected by the closure of the Murco site in Pembrokeshire and will ensure close partnership working with agencies, including Jobcentre plus and Careers Wales, Cardiff Council and our flagship ReAct 3 programme.

We are talking here about a highly employable, award winning workforce who I’m sure many companies in the area would be very keen to employ. I’m determined to do everything I can, working alongside our partners, to ensure that the impact of the potential closure on our workers and wider economy is kept to an absolute minimum.”