

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

1 FEBRUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - VACATION OF OFFICE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To advise Council that Councillor Sage has not attended meetings of the Authority for a period approaching six consecutive months, and seek Council's approval of the reason for his absence in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The role and function of a Councillor links to all Corporate Priorities and improvement objectives.

3. Background.

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Councillor Sage is currently suffering ill-health. The last relevant meeting in terms of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 he attended was the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 13 September 2016.
- 4.2 A period of six consecutive months of absence will lapse on 13th March 2017 and as a consequence members are requested to approve Councillor Sage's continued absence to the end of the municipal year given his ill-health.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendations.

- 8.1 Council is recommended to approve Councillor Sage's absence from attending meetings for the remainder of the municipal year due to his continuing ill-health.

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