

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

18 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

COUNCILLOR DAVID SAGE

1. Purpose of Report.

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

2. Connection to Corporate 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 Councillor Sage last attended a Committee meeting on the 16 October 2014. In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, a Council Member who is unable to attend meetings of the Authority for a period of six consecutive months, ceases to be a Member of the Authority, unless the reason for the failure to attend has been approved by Council before the expiry of the period. The period of six consecutive months is due to expire on the 15 April 2015.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Councillor Sage has informed the Monitoring Officer that the reason for his absence from meetings of the Authority has been due to a serious illness. He remains in hospital and has confirmed he will be receiving further treatment over the next few months as part of his continued recuperation. Councillor Sage is hopeful of returning to meetings of the Authority as soon as his health allows. Until that time he has requested that Council considers granting him a further 6 months absence from formal meetings as a period of convalescence.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 There is no effect on the Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

- 6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report

7. Financial Implications.

- 7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 That Council approves the reason for Councilor Sage's continued absence from formal meetings for a period of 6 months.

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Background documents:

None