

ADVISORY NOTICE: PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. I, Anthony Barrett, the auditor appointed to audit the accounts of Pembrokeshire County Council, have today issued this Advisory Notice under Section 33 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (as amended). The Advisory Notice is addressed to Pembrokeshire County Council ("the Council").
2. I have issued this Advisory Notice as I have reason to believe that the Council has made a decision which, if implemented, would include the Council incurring expenditure which is unlawful. The decision to which this Advisory Notice relates and which, if implemented, I have reason to believe would involve the Council incurring expenditure which is unlawful is the decision taken by the Council at its meeting on 16th October 2014 to enter a "settlement agreement" with the Chief Executive, Mr Bryn Parry-Jones, to terminate the employment of the Chief Executive on financial terms which I am advised are unlawful.
3. This Advisory Notice will take effect on 28th October 2014 the day a copy of the Advisory Notice is served on the Council.
4. The Advisory Notice requires the Council to give me not less than 21 (twenty one) days notice in writing of any intention by the Council to implement the said decision to which this Advisory Notice relates.
5. A copy of the Advisory Notice is being served on the Council, the Leader of the Council, the Council's Chief Finance Officer and the Council's Monitoring Officer.
6. The Council is aware of the reasons for my belief which is referred to in paragraph 2 above but a statement of reasons for my said belief will be served within the next seven days on the Council and the persons referred to in paragraph 5 above.
7. Attention is drawn to section 34 of the 2004 Act (effect of an Advisory Notice). While the Advisory Notice is in force, the Council cannot lawfully implement the decision referred to in paragraph 2 above.



APPOINTED AUDITOR

Date 28th October 2014