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Standards Committee

13th January 2010

Complaints Against Councillors - Information for Councillors

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. Purpose of Report

At an earlier meeting of the Standards Committee Members noted that councillors who were subject to complaints under the Code of Conduct did not fully understand the complaints process and their involvement in the process.

A flowchart detailing the process is appended to this report. It is proposed that this will be turned into a leaflet and sent to members who are subject to complaints so that they are aware of the process and how to engage in it.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to note and comment on the proposed flowchart information.

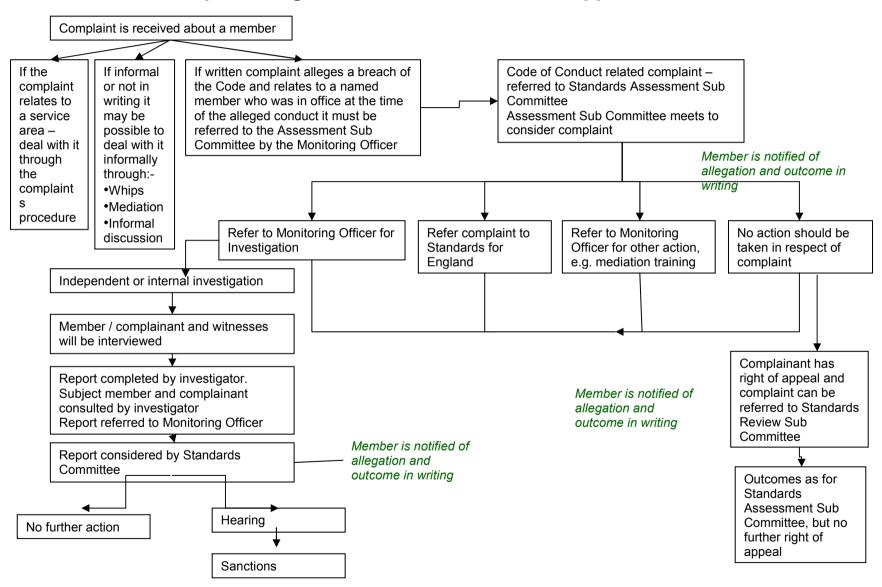
3. Legal and Financial Implications

None.

4. Report Author

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Complaints Against a Councillor – What Happens Next?



If a complaint is made against you

Do

Co-operate with an investigation, or you could face a further breach of the Code of Conduct

Don't

Discuss the allegations with other councillors.

The Standards (Assessment) Sub Committee and Standards (Review) Sub Committee can only take into account information provided by the complainant and not anything they know personally about the allegations.