COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS PROCEDURE

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## Standards

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- informal group with Independent Chair, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour Member (Nominated Members)
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## COMPLAINT

MO seeks information from the
complainant and the member
complained about

## The MO is able to filter out complaints that:

- do not fall within the code of conduct
- are frivolous or vexatious
- are more than 6 months old (unless there are exceptional circumstances)
- are not in the public interest to pursue

The Standards Working Group considers the complaint and the following outcomes can be recommended to the MO

- that there is no breach of the Code of Conduct and no further action
- that further investigations take place
- that there is a breach of the Code of Conduct and specified sanction(s) should be applied

MO considers the view of the Standards Working Group and decides which options should be followed.

## If MO decides that complaint should be investigated

 and the Standards Working Group concludes that there is evidence of a breach, this will proceed to a local hearing and recommendations made to the MO.MO disagrees with the recommendation of the Standards Working Group following the investigation.

