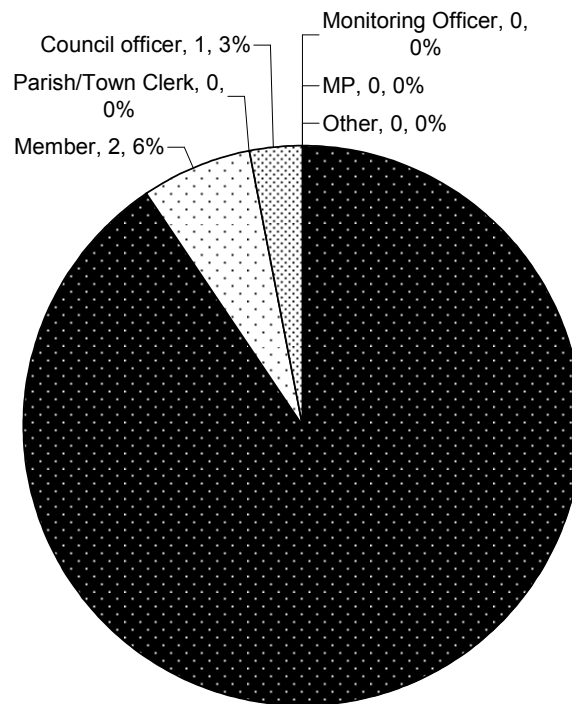


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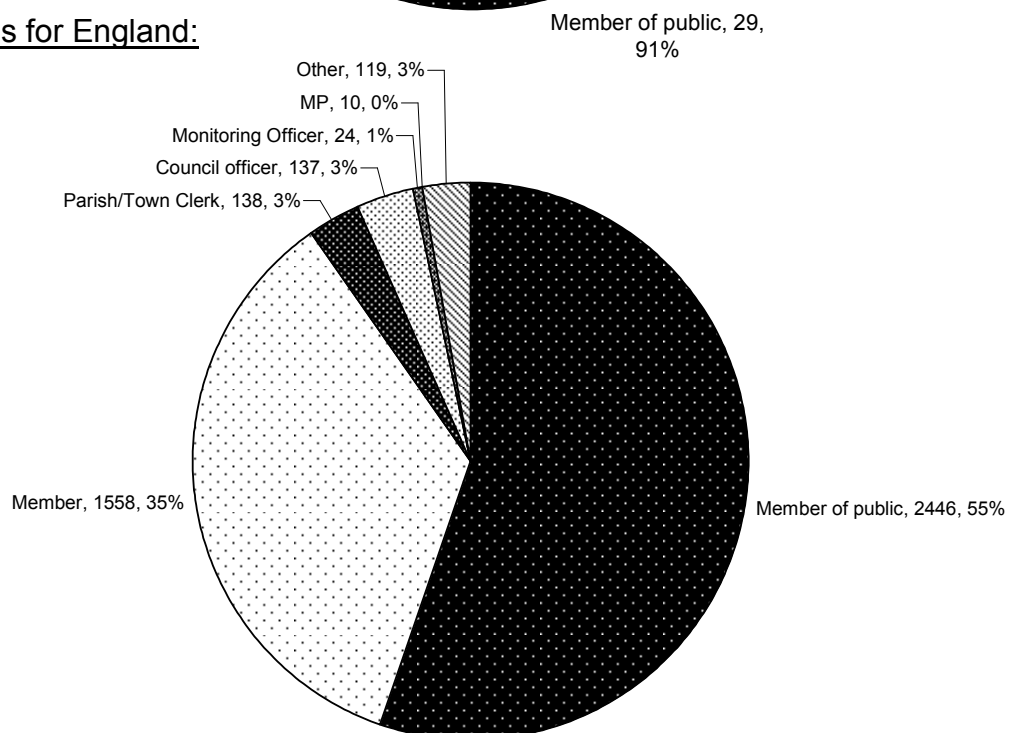
1. Source of Complaint

Between 8th May 2008 and 30th September 2009, Leeds City Council has received a total of **32** allegations, compared with a national average of **14** for Metropolitan Councils. However Members should note that Leeds City Council has the second largest number of City Councillors, and the second largest number of Parish and Town Councils compared to the other 35 Metropolitan Councils, and therefore might expect to have an above average number of complaints. The charts below show the source of the complaints for Leeds City Council, and the national figures from Standards for England.

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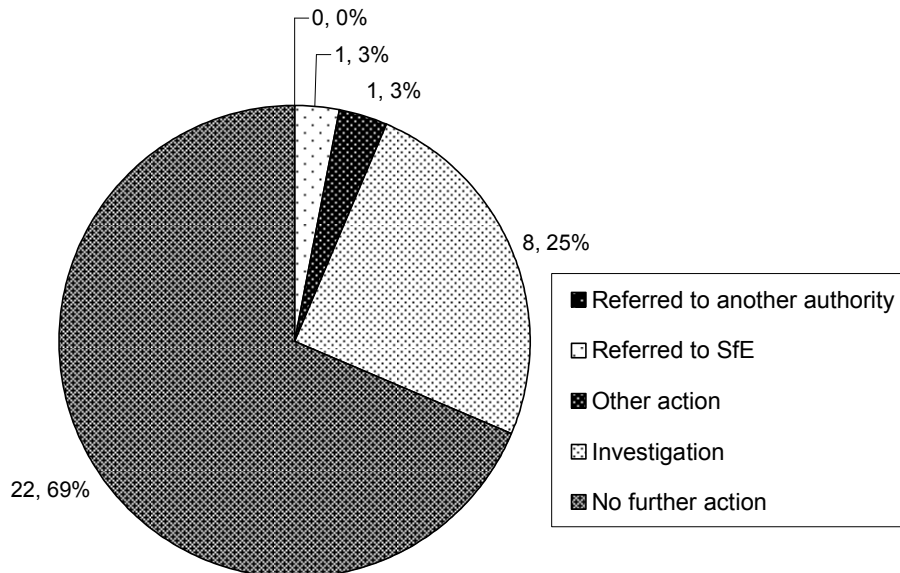
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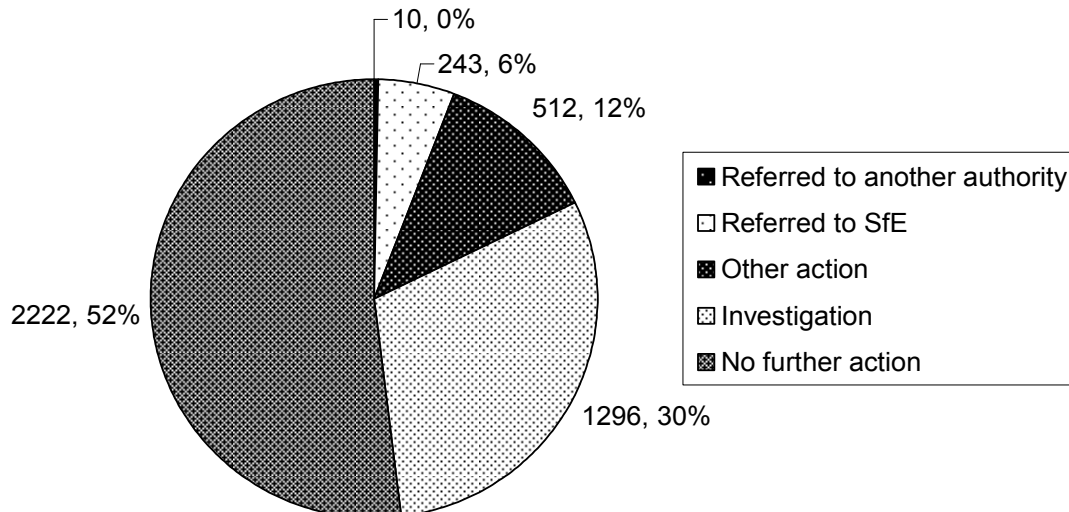
2. Decision of Assessment Sub-Committee

The charts below show the decisions made by the Leeds City Council Assessment Sub-Committee, and the national percentages from Standards for England.

Leeds City Council:



Standards for England:

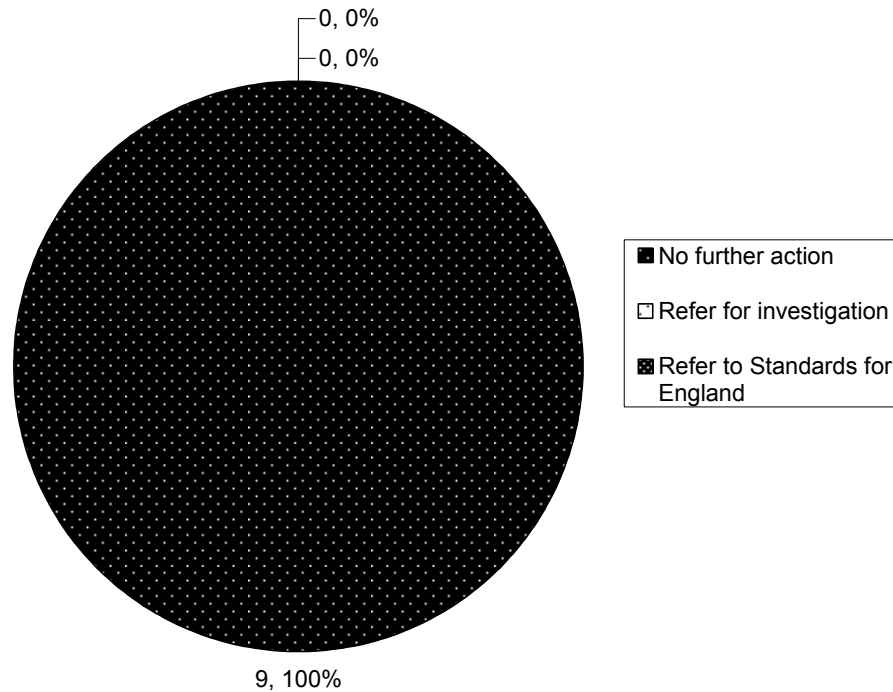


3. Decision of Review Sub-Committee

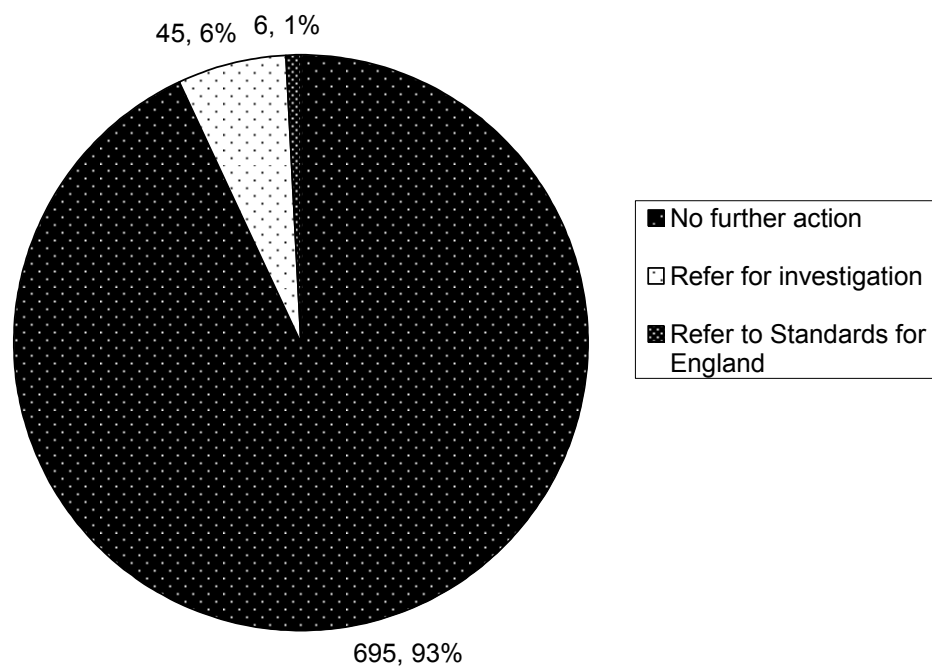
Between 8th May 2008 and 30th September 2009, 9 review requests have been considered by the Review Sub-Committee out of a total of 31 cases where the initial assessment decision was to not refer the complaint, or part of the complaint, any further. This represents **29%** of cases compared to **37%** cases nationally (816 review requests out of 2222 no further action decisions).

The Review Sub-Committee decided to take no further action in relation to all 9 complaints. The charts below show the decisions made by the Leeds City Council Review Sub-Committee, and the national percentages from Standards for England.

Leeds City Council:



Standards for England:



4. Timeliness of Decisions

The Assessment Sub-Committee's target deadline for considering complaints is 20 working days. Between 8th May 2008 and 30th September 2009, the average timescale for considering complaints is **19.3** working days, compared to **21** working days nationally.

The national statistics also show that the authorities with many parishes (more than 30) are getting to an initial assessment decision slightly more quickly (20.9 working days) than authorities with fewer parishes (21.3 working days).

The statutory timescale for considering review requests is 3 months (approximately 60 working days), and on average the Review Sub-Committee has been held with in **39.1** working days of the review request being made, compared to a national average of **29** working days.

5. Investigations

Between 8th May 2008 and 30th September 2009, 2 cases referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation were completed in Leeds. Between the date of the initial assessment decision and the consideration meeting, these took an average of **283** working days.

Nationally 566 out of the 1296 cases referred to Monitoring Officers for investigation were completed by 30th September 2009, and these took an average of **132** working days between the date of the decision to investigate and the date of the determination meeting.