

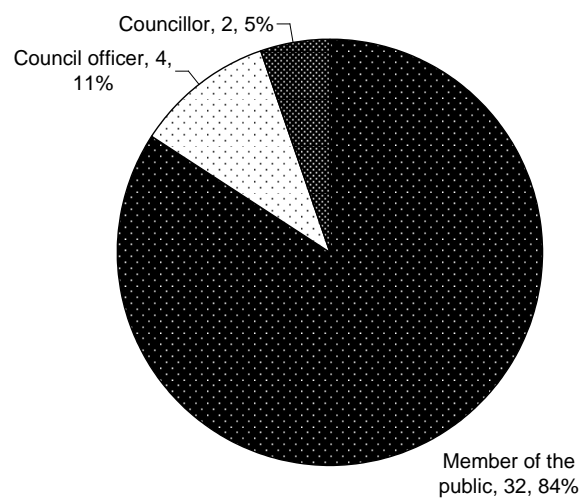
Local Assessment Statistics – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

1. Source of Complaint

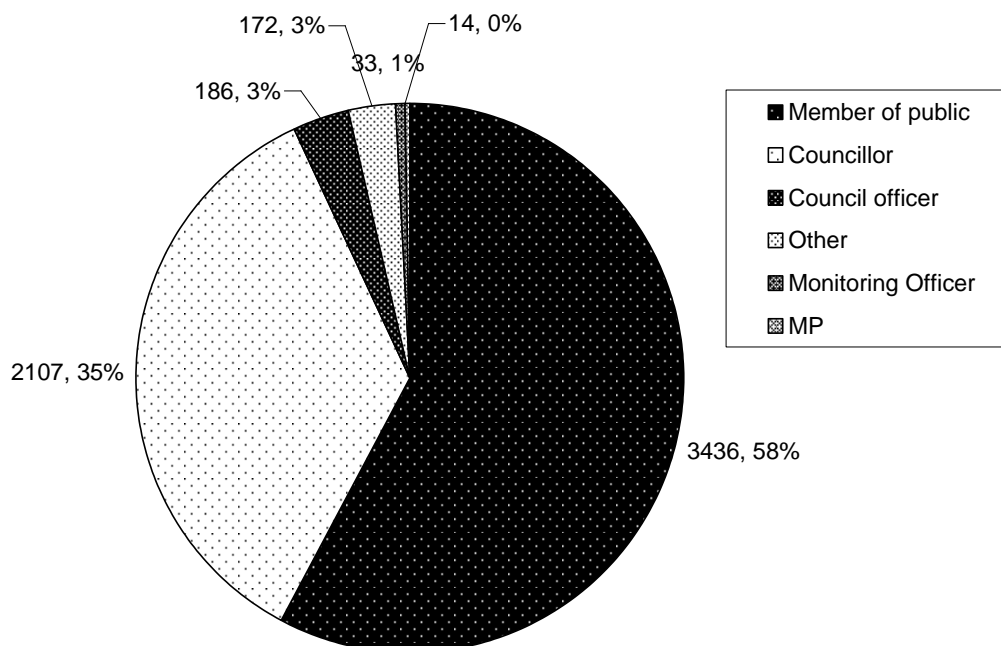
Between 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, Leeds City Council has received a total of **38** allegations, compared with a national average of **20** for Metropolitan Councils. Comparing Leeds to other Metropolitan Councils, and taking into account the number of Councillors in Leeds, Leeds City Council should have expected a total of **29** complaints during this period.

The charts below show the source of the complaints for Leeds City Council, and the national figures from Standards for England.

Leeds City Council:



Standards for England:

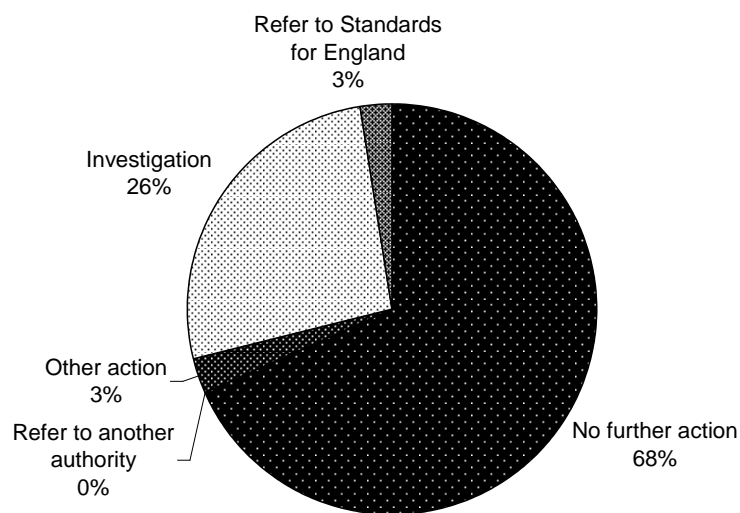


## 2. Decision of Assessment Sub-Committee

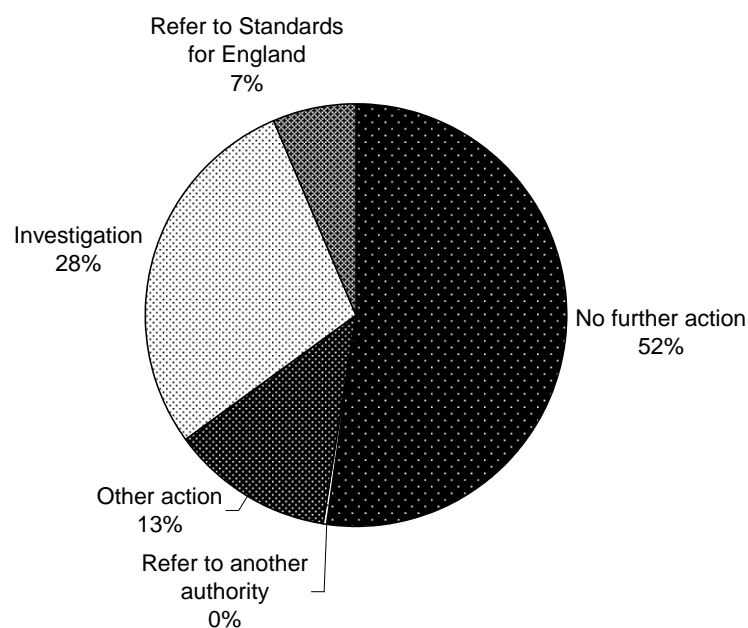
The charts below show the decisions made by the Leeds City Council Assessment Sub-Committee, and the national percentages from Standards for England.

The average Metropolitan Council decides to take no further action on 58% of cases, refers 0% to other authorities, refers 10% for other action, 25% for investigation, and 7% to Standards for England. This shows that Leeds City Council refers less cases to Standards for England or for other action than average, and takes more no further action decisions.

### Leeds City Council:



### Standards for England:

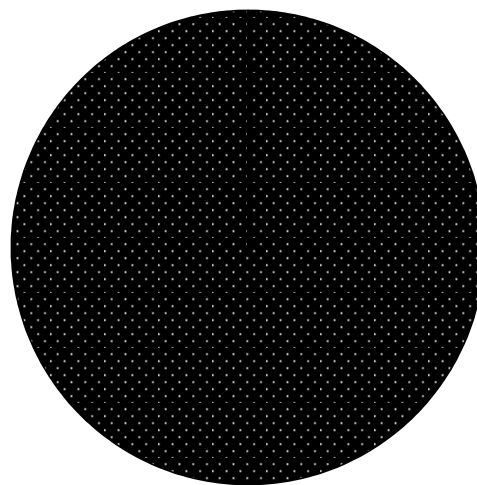


### 3. Decision of Review Sub-Committee

Between 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, 13 review requests have been considered by the Review Sub-Committee out of a total of 34 cases where the initial assessment decision was to not refer the complaint, or part of the complaint, any further. This represents **38%** of cases compared to **36%** cases nationally.

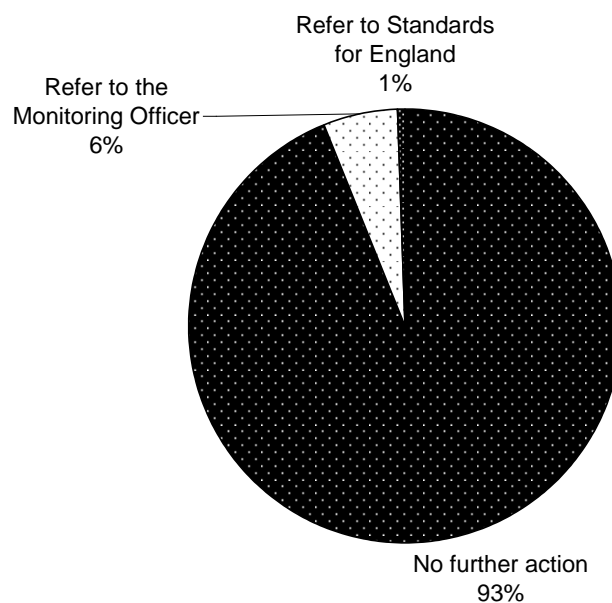
The Review Sub-Committee decided to take no further action in relation to all 13 complaints. The charts below show the decisions made by the Leeds City Council Review Sub-Committee, and the national percentages from Standards for England.

#### Leeds City Council:



No further action,  
13, 100%

#### Standards for England:



Refer to Standards  
for England  
1%

Refer to the  
Monitoring Officer  
6%

No further action  
93%

#### 4. Timeliness of Decisions

The Assessment Sub-Committee's target deadline for considering complaints is 20 working days. During the 2009/10 municipal year the average is **21** working days.

Nationally, Standards for England's statistics show that **64%** of initial assessment decisions were made in 20 working days or less during the 2009/10 year. In Leeds, **62%** of initial assessment decisions were made in 20 working days or less. The table below shows the timeliness of initial assessment decisions in Leeds during the 2009/10 municipal year compared to the national figures.

| Assessed within (working days) | National average for 2009/10 | Leeds City Council for 2009/10 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0-5 days                       | 5%                           | 0%                             |
| 6-10 days                      | 15%                          | 0%                             |
| 11-15 days                     | 22%                          | 7.6%                           |
| 16-20 days                     | 22%                          | 53.8%                          |
| 21-25 days                     | 14%                          | 23%                            |
| 26-30 days                     | 6%                           | 0%                             |
| More than 30 days              | 16%                          | 15.3%                          |

The statutory timescale for considering review requests is 3 months (approximately 90 calendar days), and during this municipal year in Leeds on average the Review Sub-Committee has been held with in **24** calendar days of the review request being made.

The table below shows the timeliness of review decisions in Leeds during the 2009/10 municipal year compared to the national figures.

| Reviewed within (calendar days) | National average for 2009/10 | Leeds City Council for 2009/10 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0-30 days                       | 43%                          | 75%                            |
| 31-60 days                      | 38%                          | 25%                            |
| 61-90 days                      | 17%                          | 0%                             |
| More than 90 days               | 3%                           | 0%                             |

#### 5. Investigations

Nationally, between 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, 1638 complaints have been referred for investigation. This represents **28%** of the total number of initial assessment decisions recorded by Standards for England. In Leeds, 11 complaints have been referred for investigation, out of a total of 38 allegations, representing **28.9%** of initial assessment decisions.

Nationally, a finding of no breach has been made in **3.3%** of cases. In Leeds, **100%** of the investigations which have been completed have resulted in a finding of no breach.