

### **The Standards Committee – Assessment Sub-Committee**

The Standards Committee - Assessment Sub-Committee is authorised to discharge the following functions<sup>1</sup>:

1. To receive, consider and initially assess<sup>2</sup> any written allegations<sup>3</sup> of misconduct<sup>4</sup> made against Members in relation to Code of Conduct Complaints.
2. To receive and consider written reports from the Monitoring Officer giving details of the actions taken or proposed to comply with any direction from the Assessment or Review Sub-Committee to take steps other than an investigation.<sup>5</sup>
3. To receive and consider references back from the Monitoring Officer during an investigation<sup>6</sup>, and to make a new initial assessment decision on the matter. The Assessment Sub-Committee may also direct that the matter is not referred back to them a further time under this provision.
4. To receive and consider references back from Standards for England (following a decision to refer the allegation to Standards for England)<sup>7</sup>, and to make a new initial assessment decision (as if the option to refer the allegation to Standards for England did not apply)<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 'These 'functions' are discharged both in relation to Leeds City Council and its Members, and parish councils wholly or mainly in its area and the Members of those parish councils.

<sup>2</sup> Section 57A Local Government Act 2000

<sup>3</sup> written allegations made by any person under section 57A Local Government Act 2000.

<sup>4</sup> "misconduct" for these purposes means a breach of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Leeds City Council or any of the Parish and Town Councils wholly or mainly within its area.

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with Regulation 13 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

<sup>7</sup> In accordance with Section 58(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 2000.

<sup>8</sup> In accordance with Section 58(3) of the Local Government Act 2000.