

Annex B

11. Appeals

This Appeal process only applies to complaints which have been considered by a Hearings Sub-Committee. There is no right of appeal to complaints that have been decided at an earlier stage.

If either the Complainant or the Subject Councillor against whom a complaint has been made is dissatisfied with the outcome, they may Appeal to the Monitoring Officer at the above address (*as indicated in section 4*).

Any Appeal setting out full reasons must be received in writing within 10 working days of issue of the written decision notice and may only be made on the grounds of:

(a) the procedure being wrongly applied; or

(b) significant new evidence has come to light since the Hearing (*Hearing Sub-Committee meeting*).

Which has resulted in the Appellant's view, an unfair decision.

The Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair, and Vice-chairs, of the Standards Committee will decide if the Appellant has set out sufficient grounds for appeal under (a) and/or (b) above.

Appeal Sub-Committee

An Appeal Sub-Committee will be convened to hear the appeal consisting of no less than three Members of the Standards Committee on a politically balanced basis, where possible.

The Councillors must not previously have been involved in the Sub-Committee (hearing) of the complaint.

Form of Appeal and Standards Committee Hearing Procedure

The Standards Committee Hearing Procedure will apply to the Appeal Sub-Committee.

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