

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'C6'

Consideration Meeting Procedure

On completion of an investigation, the investigating officer must make one of the following findings:

- There has been a failure to comply with the code
- There has not been a failure to comply with the code

The Monitoring Officer must provide a copy of the investigator's report to the Subject Member. The Monitoring Officer will refer the report to the consideration Sub-Committee for consideration.

The investigation report will be marked confidential and will not be published before the meeting.

The consideration Sub-Committee will decide whether the matters to be considered appear to disclose exempt or confidential information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Standards Committee (England) Order 2008. The Sub-Committee will decide whether to publish the report and determine whether to hold the meeting in private session.

If the investigator's report finds no failure to comply with the code, the Sub-Committee must decide whether to accept the recommendation. If the investigator's report finds that there has been a failure to comply with the code, a hearing must take place unless the Sub-Committee decides that the matter should be referred to the Adjudication Panel for England for determination.