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Background

- Preparation for new role for standards committees.
- Guidance and rules of procedure to follow.

Preparation

- Officer report and recommendation?
- Cross-refer issues to relevant section of Code.

Filter process

- **Work through flowchart and apply to complaint**
- **Case example**
 - **SCDC outcome**
 - **SBE outcome**
- **Questions on process**

Experience of pilot project

- **Good training exercise for councillors**
- **Reality of upcoming workload hits!**

Recommendations for future

Issues identified:

- mediation/training option on flowchart
- consider penalty at this stage?
- malice behind complaint
- parish council maladministration

Recommendations for future

Issues identified:

- allegations spanning both Codes
- timescales for complaints and appeals
- criteria on handling complaints
- role of chairman essential

Recommendations for the future

Guidance needed:

- **standard documentation and templates**
- **guidance to accompany flowchart**
- **size and structure of committees**
- **organisation of separate panels**
- **separation of officer advice**

Recommendations for the future

Training needs:

- **members of standards committees**
- **independent chairmen**
- **monitoring officers**
- **democratic services officers**

Making it work

- size of committee
- frequency of meetings
- resources
- joint arrangements

Any questions?

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