

## GUIDANCE FOR INDEPENDENT PERSONS (IP) - A 6-STEP PROCESS FOR RECEIVING, HANDLING & DETERMINING ALLEGATIONS

Key	
Council pre-investigation decision	
Council post-investigation decision	
Subject member	

During this period the Council **must** seek the views of the IP before a decision is made on the allegation – see **section 28(7)(a)** of the Localism Act

This point will either be the referral of the allegation for investigation or the final disposal of the complaint where investigation is not considered appropriate

During this period the Council **may** seek the views of the IP – see **section 28(7)(b)(i)** of the Localism Act

