

Standards Committee

YOU CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT A MEMBER DOING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Failing to treat people with respect
- Conducting themselves in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his or her office or authority into disrepute
- Using their position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for him or herself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage
- Doing something which may seriously prejudice their authority's ability to comply with any of its statutory duty under the equality law
- Bullying any person
- Intimidating or attempting to intimidate someone who is or is likely to be a complainant or witness in relation to an investigation
- Doing anything which compromises or which is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the authority
- Disclosing information given to them in confidence by anyone, or information acquired which he or she believes is of a confidential nature, except where:
 - They have the consent of a person authorised to give it; or
 - For professional advice, providing the advisor agrees to maintain the confidentiality; or
 - Where disclosure is reasonable and in the public interest, and this disclosure is made in good faith and in accordance with the Council's requirements.
- Preventing another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled to by law
- When using the authority's resources, or authorising their use by others:
 - Not acting in accordance with the authority's requirements; or
 - Allowing such resources to be used for political purposes; or
 - Not having regard to the Local Authority Code of Publicity
- when taking decisions:
 - Failing to have regard to advice provided by the Chief Finance officer and the Monitoring Officer; and
 - Failing to give reasons for those decisions in accordance with any statutory requirements or additional requirements imposed by the Council
- Failing to register their financial or other interests within 28 days of their election or appointment
- Failing to update their register of interests within 28 days of a change to their circumstances
- Failing to register any gifts or hospitality (and the source), that they have received in their role as a Member worth over £25
- Failing to declare a personal interest at a meeting
- Failing to declare a prejudicial interest at a meeting (an interest so significant that it is likely to affect their judgement)
 - taking part in the discussion or making a decision where they have a prejudicial interest
 - Improperly influencing a decision about a matter that they have a prejudicial interest in

At Crawley all complaints are referred to an Assessment Sub Committee for an initial assessment. If no action is taken here, there is a right of appeal to a Review Sub-

Committee which is made up of different members. The Hearings Sub committee will conduct hearings about those allegations that are investigated.