## Councillors Local Dispute Resolution "Councillor vs Councillor Complaints"

Is complaint around failure to declare an interest?

Councillor Mediation
Panel unable to resolve
the issue

## STAGE 1 - INFORMAL

Cllr puts in writing complaint and sends to their Group Leader and Group Leader of Cllr subject to complaint. Relevant Group Leaders initially try to resolve with their Members in line with their group leader duty to promote civility and respect within their group

If no Informal Resolution the matter proceeds to Stage 2

## STAGE 2 – FORMAL

If the matter is not informally resolved the Political Group Leaders should formally notify the MO/HoDS of the complaint.

The MO/HoDS will refer the matter to the Councillor Mediation Panel. The Panel will consist of the relevant Group Leaders, the Presiding Member (where appropriate) and the Councillors involved.

The Group Leaders will be asked to agree to a lay member of the Standards Committee being invited to the CMP to provide a supporting/advisory role.

## STAGE 3 – OUTCOME

Following their meeting the Group Leaders will notify the MO of the outcome and the the MO may be asked to write to the Cllrs advising as to any agreement reached by the CMP.

STAGE 4 – NO
RESOLUTION
In the event that no
resolution is achieved
then the Cllr can still
make a referral to the
PSOW in the event that
the behaviour
complained of may
constitute a breach of
the code of conduct