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**Guidance on references to the Adjudication Panel by a Standards Committee
(Regulation 17, Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008)**

As you may be aware, recent changes have been made to the legislation that deals with allegations about the conduct of councillors. Local authority standards committees became responsible for receiving complaints about member conduct and deciding what to do with them. One option available to a standards committee after considering an investigating officer's report is to refer the matter to the Adjudication Panel for England for determination by a tribunal.

The President of the Adjudication Panel has issued guidance on the circumstances in which the Adjudication Panel would consider accepting a reference from a standards committee. A copy of that guidance is attached to this email for your information and I would be most grateful if it could be circulated to your standards committee members as well.

If you have any queries or questions about the content of the President's guidance please email enquiries@adjudicationpanel.co.uk or telephone 01423 538783. Further copies of the guidance, as well as other information about the procedures of the Adjudication Panel tribunals, can be downloaded from the 'Guidance and Procedures' section on our website www.adjudicationpanel.co.uk.

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