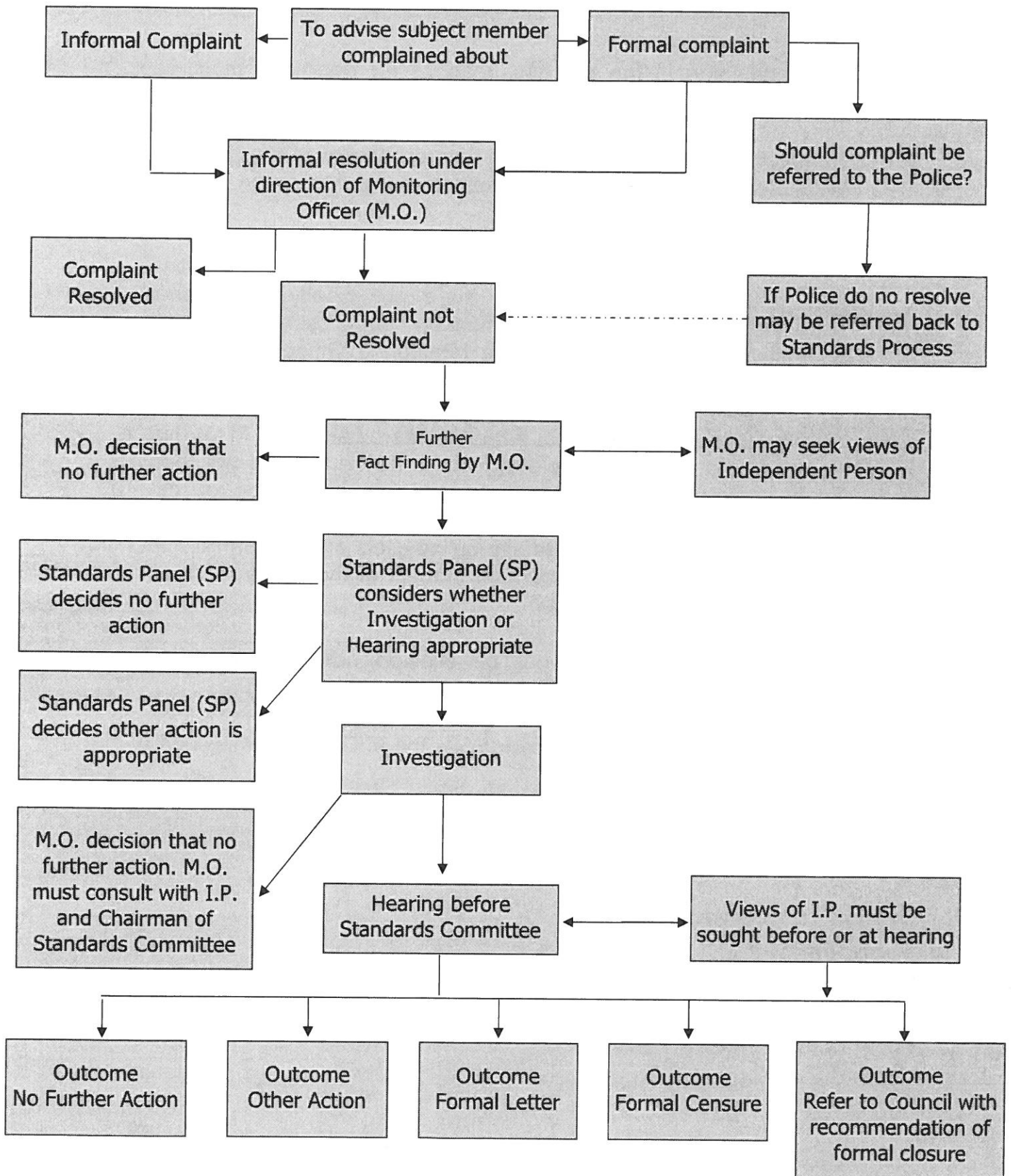


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● Notes

- At every stage in the process, reasons for decisions must be given.
- Complaints may be made by members or officers of the Oadby & Wigston Borough Council, members of the public or on referral from the Standards Committee.
- Members subject of complaint will be advised of the allegations and their views sought unless there are wholly exceptional circumstances, such as that member being seriously ill or unavailable or it is clear that the Monitoring Officer (M.O.) will conclude that no further action will be taken.
- At any stage of the process, if it becomes clear to the M.O. that the complaint should be referred to the police, he/she will then have authority so to do without seeking the views of the Standards Committee, Chair of Standards Committee or IP. The Chair of Standards will normally be advised of the referral. In these circumstances, the member subject of the complaint may not be advised of the referral.
- Legal representation will not be allowed before hearings of Standards Committee.
- An investigation may be carried out by the M.O. or commissioned by the M.O.
- An option for either party to seek views of an IP.