

# Local Government Act 2000

## **2000 CHAPTER 22**

## PART III

#### CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### CHAPTER II

## INVESTIGATIONS ETC: ENGLAND

Reports etc.

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- (1) Where an ethical standards officer determines in relation to any case that a finding under section 59(4)(a) or (b) is appropriate—
  - (a) he may produce a report on the outcome of his investigation,
  - (b) he may provide a summary of any such report to any newspapers circulating in the area of the relevant authority concerned,
  - (c) he must send to the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned a copy of any such report, and
  - (d) where he does not produce any such report, he must inform the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned of the outcome of the investigation.
- (2) Where an ethical standards officer determines in relation to any case that a finding under section 59(4)(c) is appropriate he must—
  - (a) produce a report on the outcome of his investigation,
  - (b) subject to subsection (4)(b), refer the matters which are the subject of the investigation to the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned, and
  - (c) send a copy of the report to the monitoring officer, and the standards committee, of the relevant authority concerned.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) Where an ethical standards officer determines in relation to any case that a finding under section 59(4)(d) is appropriate he must—
  - (a) produce a report on the outcome of his investigation,
  - (b) refer the matters which are the subject of the investigation to the president of the Adjudication Panel for England for adjudication by a tribunal falling within section 76(1), and
  - (c) send a copy of the report to the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned and to the president of the Adjudication Panel for England.
- (4) Where a person is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority in England—
  - (a) the references in subsections (1)(b), (c) and (d), (2)(c) and (3)(c) to the relevant authority concerned are to be treated as including references to that other relevant authority, and
  - (b) an ethical standards officer who reaches a finding under section 59(4)(c) must refer the matters concerned either to the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned or to the monitoring officer of that other relevant authority.
- (5) A report under this section may cover more than one investigation under section 59 in relation to any members or co-opted members (or former members or co-opted members) of the same relevant authority.
- (6) An ethical standards officer must—
  - (a) inform any person who is the subject of an investigation under section 59, and
  - (b) take reasonable steps to inform any person who made any allegation which gave rise to the investigation,
  - of the outcome of the investigation.