

*These notes refer to the Local Government Act 2000
(c.22) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2000*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Part Iii: Conduct of Local Government Members and Employees

Commentary on sections

Section 66: Matters referred to monitoring officers

151. *Section 66* gives the Secretary of State the power to make regulations to determine the way in which matters referred under sections 60(2) or 64(2) to a monitoring officer of a relevant authority should be dealt with.
152. These regulations may:
 - enable a monitoring officer to conduct an investigation in respect of matters referred to him and make a report or recommendations to the standards committee of the relevant authority in respect of those matters;
 - enable the standards committee to consider any report or recommendations made by the monitoring officer, taking such action as may be prescribed by the regulations;
 - make provisions for the publicity to be given to any such report, recommendations or action;
 - confer powers of investigation on a monitoring officer and confer rights on any member who is the subject of an investigation;
 - enable a standards committee to censure or suspend a member or former member. A right of appeal would be conferred on any member subject to such action;
 - enable the ethical standards officer to direct the way in which matters referred should be dealt with by the monitoring officer.