

BURY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

PRE-HEARING PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Procedures is to:-

identify whether the member who the allegation has been made about disagrees with any of the findings of fact in the Ethical Standards Officer's report,

decide whether or not those disagreements are significant to the hearing,

decide whether or not to hear evidence about those disagreements during the hearing,

decide whether or not there are any parts of the hearing that should be held in private, and

decide whether or not any parts of the Ethical Standards Officer's report or other documents should be withheld from the public.

It **must** be noted that the Pre-Hearing Procedures will deal only with procedural issues.

The Pre-Hearing Procedures are usually carried out in writing, although occasionally a face-to-face meeting between the Chair, the people involved and their representatives may be necessary.