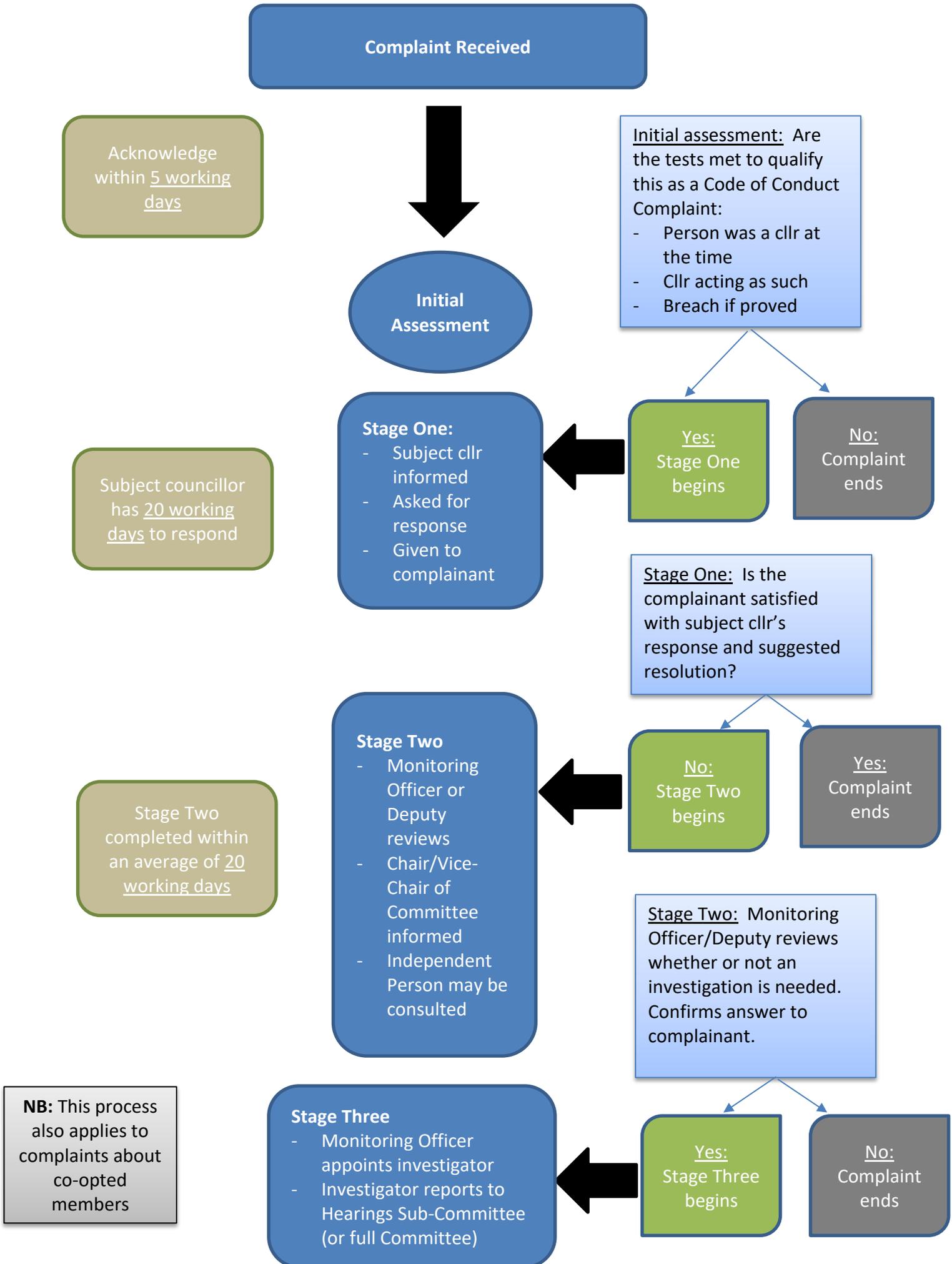


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Stage Three: Investigation

Investigation completed within 6 months of the decision to investigate (i.e. within 6 months from date of the decision at Stage Two)



Outcome

Stage Three decision:

- i) Has breach occurred?
- ii) If so, what remedy should apply?
- iii) Is formal hearing needed to assess if breach occurred?
- iv) Any further action needed?

Breach found:

- Sanction determined and applied
- Complaint ends
- No appeal by either party

Breach not found:

- Complaint ends
- No appeal by either party

See separate flowchart for detailed *Procedure for Investigations*

NB: This process also applies to complaints about co-opted members