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Draft procedures for the Determination and Hearing Sub-Committee

1. **Purpose of the Report**

To agree procedures for a hearing before the Determination and Hearing Sub-Committee

2. **Background**

Following the last meeting it was agreed that a procedure should be drafted for discussion at the next meeting.

3. **Draft document**

A proposal is attached at Annex 1 to this report. The proposal follows the guidance issued by Standards for England. Members will note that the procedure as drafted provides for questions during the hearing to be asked through the Chairman. There could be an alternative approach that would permit the cross-examination of witnesses, the subject member or the investigating officer and Members may wish to consider whether this would be a desirable approach.

4. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that Members adopt the procedure contained in Annex 1, subject to a discussion of the matter raised in item 3. of this report.