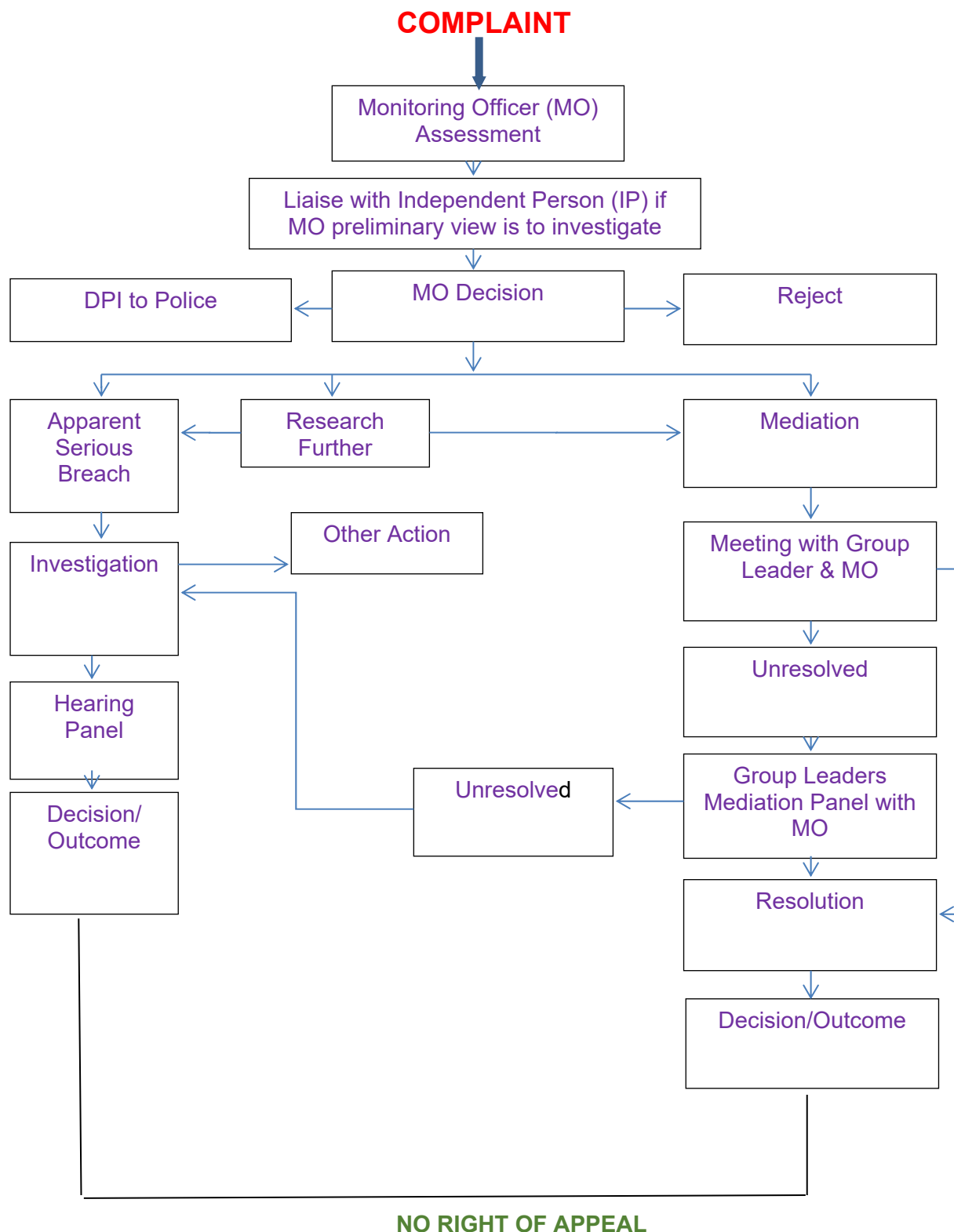


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The Hearing Panel's determination may be challenged through the judicial review process, on the grounds that the Hearing Panel's determination is illegal, unfair, irrational and/or not proportional.

The Ombudsman does not offer a right of appeal against the Hearing Panel's determination, but can consider if there was fault in the way the Council dealt with the complaint/allegation(s) against the subject Member. The Ombudsman will only investigate complaints against the Council, if there is sufficient injustice to warrant its involvement.

The Ombudsman may investigate complaints about the way the Council dealt with the complaint/allegation(s) about a parish or town councillor, but would need to consider what it could ultimately achieve, as it is not able to investigate the actions of the town or parish council itself.