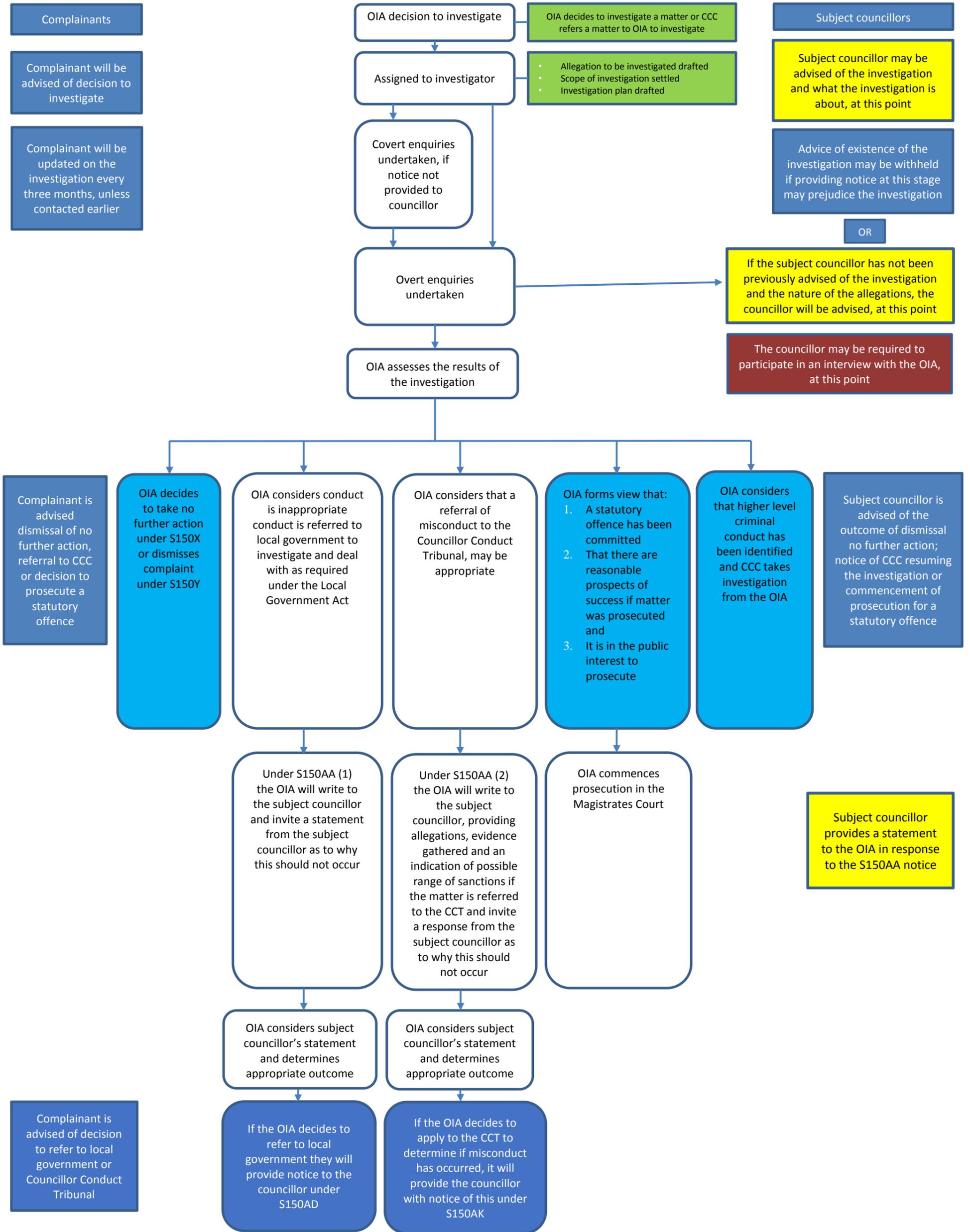


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At any of the stages identified in yellow the subject councillor or a legal representative may contact the investigating officer and advise they agree with the allegation and the matter may be immediately referred to the Councillor Conduct Tribunal, by consent, and based on an agreed statement of facts. The fact that the councillor has co-operated in this fashion is a mitigating factor that the CCT may take into account in determining sanction. The earlier this occurs in the investigation, the greater the potential consideration in relation to the sanction.