

Standards Committee Summary	
The Authority	South Hams District Council
The Member about whom the allegation was made	Cllr Chew
Name of person who made original allegation	Mrs Snowdon
Case reference numbers of Principal Authority and The Standards Board	SBE 3577.03
Name of Standard Committee member who will chair the hearing	Mr. Stolliday
Name of Deputy Monitoring Officer	Becky Fowlds
Name of the ESO who referred the matter	Nick Marcar
Name of clerk of the hearing or other administrative officer	Mary Whyte
Date, time and place of hearing	18 th April 2005, 2pm at Follaton House
Summary of allegation	Cllr Chew accosted and verbally assaulted Mr Snowdon because he actively opposed a planning application submitted by the Councillor. Cllr Chew conducted himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office/authority into disrepute (contrary to para 4 of the Code)
Relevant section(s) of the Code of Conduct	S4 Dean Prior Parish Code
Findings of fact in the ESO's report that are agreed	<p>Cllr Chew argued with Mr Snowdon on the 28 March 2003.</p> <p>Cllr Chew's manner was aggressive and abusive language was used on two occasions causing a member of the public to feel afraid and intimidated</p> <p>There were no specific threats or physical contact.</p> <p>Cllr Chew did not deliberately seek out Mr Harrison and Mr</p>

	<p>Snowdon a second time.</p> <p><i>Whilst Mr Snowdon's actions in deliberately placing notices illegally in the village could have been expected to frustrate Cllr Chew it was not so serious as to justify his conduct.</i></p> <p>Cllr Chew was acting as a Member of the public. The altercation was a result of a private dispute.</p> <p>Cllr Chew did not intend to cause physical distress to Mr Snowdon or affect his health detrimentally</p>
Findings of fact in the ESO's report not agreed	None but see below
Councillor's response to conclusions of ESO	<p>Cllr Chew does not accept his conduct could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute.</p> <p>Cllr Chew would wish to comment on the time taken by the Standard's Board to deal with the allegation.</p>
Will member of the ESO attend or be represented	No
Names of any witnesses who will be asked to give evidence	None
Outline of the proposed procedure for the hearing	See Appendix A