

## **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **DECISION NOTICE: FINDING THAT THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT HAS NOT BEEN BREACHED**

Local Government Act 2000  
The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008

#### **Findings:**

On Tuesday 2 February 2010, the South Hams District Council Standards Committee considered the report of the Monitoring Officer regarding a complaint against Councillor Jonathan Hawkins, a member of Kingswear Parish Council. It was alleged that he had failed to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct for that Council in that during a Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, which he chaired, he had:

- failed to treat another person with respect (paragraph 3(1));
- bullied another person (paragraph 3(2)(b));
- brought his office or authority into disrepute (paragraph 5).

The Standards Committee concluded that although Cllr Hawkins had been robust in his dealing with the complainant, he had not exceeded what needed to be done from the chair to keep the business of the meeting in progress and therefore had not breached the Code in any of these respects.

This Decision Notice is being sent to the person making the allegation, the member against whom the allegation was made and the Clerk to Kingswear Parish Council.

Delyth Jenkins Evans  
Monitoring Officer  
South Hams District Council

12 February 2010