

SPSO decision report

Case: 201305959, A Council
Sector: local government
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mrs C complained that the council had not followed their tendering process when undertaking a public works project. She said that work had been given to another person which should have been given to her company. She said the council wanted the project to be a voluntary/community-led project and she disagreed with that view and was then excluded by the council from the decision-making process.

We found that at a meeting with council staff and others, Ms C had agreed that an independent consultation should be undertaken to gauge support for the project and consider the most appropriate body to take it forward. We also found that the independent community consultation was done in accordance with the council's procurement guidelines. In light of this, we did not uphold the complaint.