

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201100421, The Moray Council  
**Sector:** local government  
**Subject:** sales and leases of property including excambions  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Ms C made a complaint about a statement made by a council officer in a committee meeting with councillors. The statement was that there was an imminent announcement which could influence the committee's decision. Ms C claimed that the council was unable to substantiate the statement and that it had misled councillors.

Following review of the relevant paperwork, the webcast of the council meeting and the council's responses to Ms C's correspondence, we decided that it was reasonable for the council to have expected that the announcement may have contained information that could have influenced the councillors' decision and we could understand why, in the circumstances of the case, the council would want to ensure that they made their decision having considered all the available information. Therefore, we did not uphold Ms C's complaint.