

SPSO decision report

Case: 201406264, The City of Edinburgh Council
Sector: local government
Subject: housing statutory repair notices, haa areas and demolition orders
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Ms C complained to us following the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision that the council had complied with the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 in responding to her request for a breakdown of statutory notice costs: she said that the council had unreasonably failed to provide her with a satisfactory explanation about how the final accounts for repairs to a tenement (where she was an owner) had been calculated. Ms C also complained that the council had allowed additional works to be started before a statutory notice had been served.

From our investigation we did not uphold Ms C's complaint because we found that the information she had been provided with by the council followed their usual practice, and they had not, therefore, acted unreasonably. Further, the additional works had been the subject of an emergency notice, and the council had the power under the relevant legislation to issue such a notice after the works had commenced.