

SPSO decision report

Case: 201507707, Aberdeenshire Council
Sector: local government
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Ms C complained about the council's handling of asset transfers to two local charities, as she did not believe that the council had completed appropriate Equality Impact Assessments (EIA)s as required under the Equality Act 2010. She believed that they had only completed one EIA, which failed to consider all of the protected groups defined in the Act.

On investigation, we found that the council had completed EIAs for both asset transfers. On the first of these assessments, one area of the form used had only been partially completed, giving the initial impression that only some protected groups had been assessed. However, after reviewing their records in full, we were satisfied, on balance, that the council had considered all of the areas required. As such, we shared this minor error with the council but did not uphold this complaint.