

Brexit spending case Grimes wins fight against fine

The pro-Brexit campaigner Darren Grimes has succeeded in his attempt to overturn a £20,000 fine for electoral spending offences during the EU referendum.

In a judgment delivered at the Central London county court, Judge Marc Dight said the Electoral Commission had set too high a threshold for determining whether Grimes's campaign group was a genuine organisation. He ruled the commission's notice imposing the fine should be withdrawn.

On Twitter, Grimes attacked the commission's handling of the case and said it "raises serious questions about its conduct both during and after the referendum".

The commission said it was disappointed and would review the full detail of the judgment.

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▲ **Darren Grimes** hit out on Twitter at the Electoral Commission after the ruling