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Summary of substantive policy discussions
at Liberty Council meeting
June 2015

The Policy Director introduced a discussion on the Government's Queen's Speech pledge to repeal the Human Rights Act and the Office's parliamentary briefing on the issue for the Queen's Speech debates 2015. The briefing was based on the substantive proposals contained in the Conservative Party strategy paper on human rights reform published in October 2014.

Council members discussed the Government's proposals at length and there was unanimous agreement that each would diminish and dilute human rights protection in the UK. The meeting strongly endorsed the briefing and Liberty's re-launched campaign to Save the Human Rights Act. Council further discussed the HRA policy positions of the UK's main political parties and the three devolved administrations as well as the potential impact of the forthcoming EU referendum on the campaign.