

Summary of substantive policy discussions
at Liberty Council meeting
March 2013

Liberty's Policy Director introduced the policy objectives of Liberty's *Extradition Watch* campaign and recent achievements and developments in this area including the decision by the Home Secretary to bar Gary McKinnon's extradition on Article 3 HRA grounds; the recommendations of the Baker Review into extradition; and the Government's response.

The meeting discussed Liberty's future policy and campaigning objectives in this area. It was agreed that Liberty would continue to campaign for key due process safeguards to be introduced to UK extradition law including - a basic case to be made in a UK court before extradition is granted; judicial discretion to bar extradition on forum grounds if all or a substantial part of the alleged conduct took place in the UK; and extradition only to take place for conduct that would constitute a crime under UK law. The meeting also discussed the European Arrest Warrant which governs extradition within Europe. The meeting agreed, by majority, that Liberty would continue to seek fundamental reform to the EAW to incorporate the aforementioned due process safeguards and would seek further improvements to the implementation of the EAW. It was agreed that the EAW and the proposed EU opt-out would be discussed further at a future Council meeting.