

LIBERTY

ONLINE HARMS

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY DISCUSSIONS AT I.LIBERTY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 2019

Liberty urges the Council to agree that Liberty's policy should be to challenge the use of 'online harms' as a basis for regulating speech online and to focus on the threat to free expression and equality posed by the use of this and other vague and overbroad sub-categories of harm.

POSITION REACHED

Council endorsed the paper and noted that the paper acknowledged that some speech is harmful and free speech protections are not absolute as a matter of law, leaving open space for Liberty to consider some form of appropriate regulation, as suggested by several members of Council.