

LIBERTY

CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLICING

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Building on the 2019 Policy Council Paper and 2021 AGM motion, which set out Liberty's approach to addressing the expansion of police powers, a Policy & Campaigns Manager and Officer presented a paper to Policy Council seeking an endorsement of the following guiding commitments to our work:

- A commitment to critical human rights
- A commitment to non-reformist reforms

The paper sets out the harms caused by police powers and other criminal justice institutions and how Liberty can strengthen its contribution towards a broader social justice movement.

The Policy Council chair prefaced the discussion by saying that while the proposals and content are not problematic, there are broader questions about the relationship between Liberty and the law and legal concepts which require a broader conversation. As such the paper was discussed but not voted on.