

OBJECTIVES

The Council shall strive to ensure and safeguard the rights of all people:

- To live in freedom, safe from personal harm;
- To protection from ill treatment or punishment that is unjust inhuman or degrading;
- To equality and justice before the law;
- To freedom from discrimination and vilification on grounds such as disability, political or other opinion, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation and marital or other status;
- To protection from arrest and unnecessary detention; to a fair, speedy and public trial; to be presumed innocent until proven guilty & to prompt legal advice and representation;
- To a fair hearing before any authority exercising power over the individual;
- To freedom of thought and belief;
- To freedom of speech and publication;
- To freedom of peaceful assembly and association;
- To move freely within one's county of residence and to leave and enter it without hindrance;
- To an effective remedy against any breach of these rights;

- To defend and promote the human rights and civil liberties of individuals and groups;
- To defend and promote women's rights as human rights;
- To defend and promote international human rights standards;
- To inform public opinion on matters which impact on human rights and civil liberties;
- To monitor the observance of human rights and civil liberties;
- To carry out research into human rights;
- To influence decision-making in the area of human rights and civil liberties;
- To develop links with other national and international organizations working in the sphere of human rights and civil liberties;

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