

On-Street Drinking

Belfast City Council is concerned that being reported to the Courts, the only penalty in the Bye-Law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol on the city's streets, is on its own proving wholly ineffective and criminalises those with an addiction.

Accordingly, Belfast City Council supports a change in the legislation to give Police and Council Officers the power to confiscate alcohol being consumed on the street in contravention of the Bye-Law, with persistent offenders being reported to the Courts.