



Questions for Local Election Candidates

If you are elected, will you:

- Put the drugs issue on the agenda at Council meetings through questions and motions?
 - Participate as a Councillor on the Local/Regional Drug Task Force?
 - Campaign to reverse the cuts to drug services in our community?
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What can your Local Council do about Drugs and Alcohol?

- ✓ **Play** a strong and proactive role as partners in the Local and Regional Drug Task Forces.
- ✓ **Ensure** that the estate management policies they develop, balance the need for local residents to live in a safe and peaceful environment with the need for people with addiction issues to be supported.

- ✓ **Work** in partnership with the Homeless services and Addiction services to address problems of street drinking and drug use on the streets.
- ✓ **Support** the work of addiction and homeless services in local communities, work to develop good communication and liaison between the services and local residents and ensure that the development of new services is well planned.
- ✓ **Make** sure that the work of the Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) is addressing the needs of the communities that are most affected by drugs and that community leaders from these areas are represented on the Committees.
- ✓ **Support** the work of the local Community Policing Fora that are focussed on building good relationships on the ground between the police and communities.
- ✓ **Make** sure that strict limits are applied under the planning laws to limit the number of off-licences that can be located in particular communities and support local communities and Gardai in identifying off-licences that are involved in underage selling.
- ✓ **Ensure** that Councils do not engage in any activities that are put in place with the specific purpose of promoting alcohol e.g. Arthur's Day.
- ✓ **Play** an active role through the Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund and other community funds to address the needs of the most at-risk young people in our communities.