



Council – 1 July 2021

Notice of Motion – Voter ID Cards for General Elections.

Notice of Motion from Councillors C A Holley, P M Black, M H Jones, J W Jones, D G Sullivan, A M Day, L G Thomas, C L Philpott, S M Jones, L James, K M Griffiths and G D Walker

Council notes proposals in the Queen's speech to crack down on people's ability to protest, to restrict judicial review and to insist on the production of ID cards to vote in General Elections.

Council believes that these proposals undermine legal and constitutional freedoms and seek to silence opposition to this UK Government.

Council believes that the insistence on ID cards for voting will add to the cost of administering elections by this council, increase bureaucracy and place our polling clerks and presiding officers at polling stations in potentially difficult confrontational positions.

Council notes that there is little or no evidence of electoral fraud to justify introducing voter ID and believes that the introduction of this measure will disproportionately impact on ethnic minorities, older people and those on lower incomes, and will lead to lower turnouts at elections.

Council resolves to write to the UK Prime Minister to express its concern and opposition to all these proposals.