

Warwick District Council Motion

This Council notes that the Home Secretary is currently attempting to push an ID Cards Bill through Parliament. This Bill will have an effect upon all of the people of Warwick District.

This Council believes:

1. That the disadvantages of such a scheme will outweigh any likely benefits to the people of Warwick District.
2. That the scheme will do almost nothing to prevent terrorism, crime or fraud.
3. That the national database that underpins the identity card scheme may facilitate criminal fraud, terrorism and potential state abuses of human rights.
4. That the ID card and database proposals are likely to fundamentally alter the relationship between the state and the individual.

According to Government estimates, the cost of such a scheme could reach

£5.8 billion, with independent commentators predicting substantially higher costs. The residents of Warwick District will be required to pay an estimated £30 for a stand-alone ID card or £93 for a passport and ID card together.

This Council resolves to:

1. instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary expressing these views and asking him to reconsider his decision to push forward this legislation; and
2. ask our two MPs to support this Council's position on ID cards.