

Watford City Council (Tuesday 22nd March)

MOTION - IDENTITY CARDS

To consider the following motion proposed by Councillor Stuart Langhorn and seconded by Councillor Pat Quinton:

This is the text of the motion passed by Watford Council yesterday (Tues 22nd March), proposed by Green Party councillors Steve Rackett and Ken Brodhurst and supported by Lib Dem councillors, who added item D to the text. Labour and Conservatives abstained.

- This Council believes that the introduction of National Identity Cards will do little if anything to prevent terrorism, crime or fraud, and will be a burden on both the finances and the liberty of Watford's citizens.

In view of this, Watford Council:

- 1) Is opposed to the introduction of national identity cards.
- 2) Takes no part in any pilot scheme or feasibility work in relation to the introduction of the national identity cards.
- 3) Makes it a policy of the council to ensure that national identity cards would not be required to access council services or benefits unless specifically called to do so by Act of Parliament.
- 4) Believes that the estimated 3-5 billion which would be saved by scrapping plans for ID cards should be used to employ 10,000 new police and 20,000 new police community support officers.
- 5) Affiliates to the 'No2ID' campaign, alongside other local authorities.