

Liverpool City Council – 26 January 2005

Liberal Party resolution moved By Cllr Steve Radford, Cllr Hazel Williams and Cllr Chris Lenton. Agreed by Liverpool City Council.

"This city council urges Her Majesty's government to reconsider legislation to impose Identification Cards (ID) upon the country noting:

"a) ID cards have never caught one single terrorist , telling a suicide bomber to turn up to a police station with his or her ID card a few days later is hardly a deterrent;

"b)The Head of Interpol does not believe ID cards will assist;

"c) ID cards could, like stop and search lead to the alienation of the minorities whose assistance we need and;

"d) The ID cards will at least cost the equivalent of 6,000 police officers.

"Therefore this city council advises the Home Secretary and the cities MP's that the Council believes that 6,000 more police would be better value in reducing crime and the threat of terrorism than ID cards.

"This city council congratulates those Labour and Tory MP'ss who defied their parties whips to defend historic civil liberties in this country and urges the House of Lords to reject the Bill."