

Lancaster City Council (16th march 2005)

NOTICE OF MOTION - IDENTITY CARDS

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

1. This Council believes it is a duty of government to take action to reduce crime and the fear of crime both of which restrict people's ability to lead full and fulfilling lives.
2. The Council recognises that a strategy based on crime prevention, successful policing at all levels, rehabilitation of offenders and a community-based approach to tackling crime and nuisance, is the most effective way of reducing crime and the fear of crime.
3. The Council also recognises the desire of the public to see police patrols on 'the beat' and the success locally of community policing schemes such as the introduction of Police Community Support Officers.
4. However, this Council is concerned by the Governments policy on the introduction of Identity Cards. Council believes that compulsory ID cards are:
 - (a) costly
 - (b) unnecessary- there is little evidence to show that they will reduce benefit fraud, illegal immigration or crime.,
 - (c) an affront to civil liberties and
 - (d) are likely to have a harmful effect on police and community relations.
5. Council therefore resolves to make its views known to Government and are local MP's. Making it clear that the 5.4 billion pounds cost of the introduction of ID cards would be better spent on the sort of community policing that the public has demanded and is working effectively in our area.

Result: Motion passed!

Proposed: Cllr David Dreghorn