

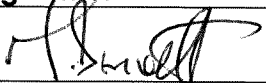
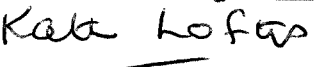
## NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

	Name (in capitals)	Signature
Proposer:	Cllr Mark Dennett	
Seconder:	Cllr Kath Loftus	

### MOTION TO COUNCIL: VOTER IDENTIFICATION

This Council expresses grave concern at proposals within the Queen's Speech to prevent people from voting at elections unless they provide photographic ID at polling stations. Further Council considers the proposal would suppress voters' rights and lead to many electors being unfairly prevented from voting.

Council notes specifically that:

- Cases of electoral fraud involving people falsely claiming another person's identity are extremely low in the UK and no cases have ever been known in Halton.
- An Electoral Commission study of trails has previously found that requiring voter identification many voters were turned away from polling stations for not having the correct form of ID - with some not returning later to vote.
- The Electoral Reform Society (ERS) have stated the plan risks 'raising the drawbridge to huge numbers of marginalised voters', including the elderly and BAME voters. It said that out of millions of votes cast in the UK last year, there were just eight allegations of personation fraud – the type of fraud that voter ID is meant to prevent.

This Council agrees to write to the Prime Minister calling upon government to abandon plans to implement restrictive identification requirements that will make it harder for people to vote and to express the Council's view that enforcing stricter voter identification measures are wholly unnecessary, more likely affect residents who do not have a passport or driving licence and will lead to people not exercising their right to vote.