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Swindon Voter ID Pilot

Anyone who lives and votes in the Borough of Swindon will be required to bring their poll card as a form of identification to vote in the local elections on 3 May 2018.

Swindon is trialling the use of voter ID along with four other councils in England (Woking, Gosport, Bromley and Watford). These pilots are being overseen and funded by the Government and likely to be the first in a series to allow the Electoral Commission and Cabinet Office to evaluate the impact of asking for ID before a decision is taken on whether or not to roll it out nationally.

Although we do not have an issue with electoral fraud in Swindon, national figures from the Electoral Commission indicate alleged electoral fraud through voter impersonation more than doubled between 2014 and 2016.

Many countries around the world have already made it a requirement to prove identity at a polling station. It is already a requirement in Northern Ireland, where ID has been requested since 1985. There have been no reports of voter impersonation since 2003.

For the Swindon pilot, registered voters will need to bring their poll card to the polling station on 3 May 2018 for identification purposes, in order to receive their ballot paper. Poll cards will be hand delivered in April 2018.

If you lose your poll card, you'll need to present another form of ID at the polling station from the list below:

- Passport (UK, EU, Commonwealth) (can be out of date)
- Photocard driving licence including a provisional licence (UK, Crown Dependency or EU)
- Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- Biometric Immigration Document
- EEA Identity Card

This only affects registered voters who go to the polling station to vote. Postal voters will be unaffected and do not need to send any identification through the post to be able to vote. For more information: please visit swindon.gov.uk/VoterID

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BRING YOUR POLL CARD
TO VOTE ON 3 MAY 2018

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