

Response to Written Question 2 Council Agenda Item 10.

While full details have yet to be confirmed by central government, current indications suggest that any proposed mandatory ID system would be limited to the working-age population and linked to employment, immigration status, and access to certain services.

The Conservative Party in government from 2010 to 2024 oversaw stagnant wages in real terms (unprecedented in 200 years), an increase in child poverty, a doubling of the number of people sleeping rough, and left UK government debt at its highest level since the 1960s.

At Cambridge City Council, we have in recent years consistently been one of the top 10 builders of council homes in the country; we are investing in energy efficiency measures and retrofitting to reduce fuel poverty and tackle climate change; we support our community groups with a grant pot of £1m per year; and we work tirelessly with partners to prevent and reduce homelessness, including securing additional funding from Government, signing and co-chairing the Homelessness Charter for the City, and developing new prevention pathways.

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