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(CCC) Election Act 2022 Voter ID

I am writing to request that under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) you provide details of any awareness campaigns in place in relation to the new requirements under the Election Act 2022 to present photo ID at polling stations. In your response, please provide as much of the following detail as possible without exceeding your cost limit.

- a) What is the total budget that is to be spent on awareness campaigns, ii) what is the spend up to the 28th February 2023?
- b) How much of the total budget is local authority funded and how much is funded by central government?
- c) How many days have council staff spent on the awareness campaign?
- d) What assessment did you make of the number/% of residents who were unaware of the requirement to present photo ID at polling stations before your campaign started?
- e) What target have you set for the number/% of residents who are aware of the need for Photo ID, ii) how are you measuring it and iii) what is your latest estimate of the number/% of residents who are aware of the need for photo voter ID?
- f) Which, if any, groups have been identified as the most difficult to communicate the new requirements under the Election Act 2022 to?
- g) How much extra time has been set aside for training polling station staff who will be present at the local election polling stations on the 4th May 2023 on the new requirements under the Election Act 2022 to present a photo ID at polling stations?
- h) What additional planning have you undertaken with the local police force to ensure that polling stations staff are kept safe in the event that voters raise concerns regarding having to show photo ID?
- i) What guidance have you received from central government regarding the safety of polling station staff on polling day?
- j) How many questions or complaints from residents have you received regarding the new requirements for Voter ID under the Election Act 2022?

If possible, I would like to receive this information in a spreadsheet format. If this information is only available in a different format, please provide this instead.

If you can only provide part of this information, please do so.

Response

Please see the attached letter in response

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk