

Motions to Council Request Form

Title of Motion	Motion 4
Proposer	Cllr Alan Williamson
Seconder	Cllr Clive Woodbridge
Motion Set out motion in full	<p>The dangers of lithium-ion batteries overheating and catching fire have been well documented, and the speed and fierceness of such fires has already proven to have devastating effects on people's lives and businesses.</p> <p>These effects also have had an impact for this Council, for example, a battery fire in one of our refuse lorries, damaged the vehicle, caused disruption to services and had a knock-on financial impact. Thankfully no one was injured.</p> <p>With increasing ownership of e-bikes and e-scooters, this is a problem that is likely to increase.</p> <p>E-bikes and e-scooters are often stored and charged in places in such as communal areas, hallways or garages where they may not be monitored and the warning signs of overheating are missed, increasing the danger of a fire, which may block the escape route or be close to other combustibles.</p> <p>Legislation to require safety standards for the batteries, chargers and their components could significantly reduce the risks of fires, injury, loss of life and loss of property.</p>

	<p>This council welcomes the news that pressure will be put on Central Government to pass a Bill to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduce safety standards for lithium-ion batteries used for e-bikes and e-scooters; • introduce safety standards for conversion kits and components of the batteries; • control the disposal of such batteries. <p>As part of any Bill, this Council agrees that it will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to consultations – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the introduction of proportional safety standards and controls • Opposing any Bill which proposes to impose additional financial burdens on Epsom & Ewell Borough Council. 2. Lobbying our MP and other interested parties, such as Surrey Fire and Rescue.
<p>Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to</p>	<p>Environment</p>
<p>Name of the Chairman of such Committee</p>	<p>Cllr Liz Frost</p>