

## Motions to Council Request Form

<b>Proposer</b>	Councillor James Lawrence
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Alex Coley
<b>Motion</b>  Set out motion in full	<p><u>Motion:</u> This Council notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council operates a committee system with multiple political groups.</li> <li>II. Councillors have a common law "need to know" right to access council information when reasonably necessary to perform their official duties.</li> <li>III. Urgent decisions taken by officers where the Constitution enables them to do so are decisions of the Council.</li> <li>IV. Non-exempt urgent decisions are not confidential information</li> <li>V. Political groups regularly discuss council business together to allow for agreement on common actions and to provide updates to those councillors who are members of different committees.</li> <li>VI. <a href="#">Appendix 2</a>, paragraph 3.1 of the constitution states that when taking an urgent decision, officers as part of that process must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <i>Ensure all members are advised at the earliest opportunity (via MemberNews currently).</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>VII. <a href="#">The Local Government Act 1972 Section 100F</a> states: <i>Any document which is in the possession or under the control of a principal council and contains material relating to any business to be transacted at a meeting of the council or a committee or sub-committee of the council shall, subject to subsections (2) to (2C) below, be open to inspection by any member of the council.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The subsections clarify that all information exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 or 6 of <a href="#">Schedule 12A</a> of the Act must be open to inspection by any councillor except when terms of contract negotiation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>VIII. An example of a previously published decision is one that appears on the council website as <a href="#">decision number 606</a> dated 13th November 2020.</li> </ol>

	<p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When reporting any urgent decision to the next scheduled meeting of the appropriate committee as per Appendix 2 paragraph 3.1.ii, a full copy of the urgent decision is to be contained within the report.</li> <li>2. Publish all future non-exempt urgent decisions on the Council's website in full.</li> <li>3. In accordance with the Equality Act 2010, allow anyone who requests to view copies at the Town Hall of any future non-exempt urgent decisions.</li> </ol>
<b>Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to</b>	Standards and Constitution
<b>Name of the Chairman of such Committee</b>	Councillor John Beckett