

Motions to Council Request Form

Proposer	Councillor James Lawrence
Seconder	Councillor Alex Coley
Motion Set out motion in full	<p>Motion: This Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council operates a committee system with multiple political groups. II. Councillors have a common law "need to know" right to access council information when reasonably necessary to perform their official duties. III. Urgent decisions taken by officers where the Constitution enables them to do so are decisions of the Council. IV. Non-exempt urgent decisions are not confidential information 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. VI. Appendix 2, paragraph 3.1 of the constitution states that when taking an urgent decision, officers as part of that process must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. <i>Ensure all members are advised at the earliest opportunity (via MemberNews currently).</i> VII. The Local Government Act 1972 Section 100F 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The subsections clarify that all information exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 or 6 of Schedule 12A of the Act must be open to inspection by any councillor except when terms of contract negotiation. VIII. An example of a previously published decision is one that appears on the council website as decision number 606 dated 13th November 2020.

	<p>This Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Publish all future non-exempt urgent decisions on the Council's website in full. 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.
Relevant Committee(s) Motion would relate to	Standards and Constitution
Name of the Chairman of such Committee	Councillor John Beckett