

LEADER AND CHAIRS' STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Liz Frost

Chair of the Environment Committee

Tennis

To support families during the school summer holidays and promote healthy activities, we will be offering free bookable morning tennis sessions on all Epsom and Ewell Borough Council owned and managed tennis courts in the borough from 22 July 2026 to 31 August 2026.

Our 'Pay-to-Play' tennis scheme has recently enabled us to undertake new line marking at Auriol Park tennis courts. This scheme is funding ongoing maintenance of our courts.

Football

The new astro-turf football pitch at Court Rec has now been signed off by the FA. It is proving popular and being well-used.

Councillor John Beckett

Chair of the Standards and Constitution Committee

I would like to thank Cllrs Lawrence and Cllr Coley for their supportive feedback regarding the Council's current Urgent Decision (UD) process. As each form is used, where time is of the essence, and filled out by several officers and then considered by the relevant Policy Chairs, no one Urgent decision form is alike as there would obviously be differing levels of detail and information on each decision.

Cllr Lawrence, Cllr Coley, the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and I met to go through the process. We took the opportunity to look at examples of past and recent UD's. We noted those that carried a higher level of detail to be the model for officers to follow in future as a person not involved with the subject of a UD would better understand the reasons for it going through the UD decision process.

We therefore agreed that Officers involved in the UD process would be asked to include more detail and shown those UD's that were deemed "best in class" to meet the understanding of members.

We also agreed that non-exempt UD's will be attached to the standard report that currently is added to relevant committee papers going forward.

Officers shall be liaising with relevant Heads of Service to update the internal processes after the summer so that they can look to implement these changes as soon as time allows mindful of increasing LGR demands upon officer time and resource.