
ATTENDANCE AT THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY - 2022

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree attendance at a Royal Garden Party this summer and use of the Civic Car and Civic Chauffeur to transport attendees.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council is usually invited to nominate representatives to attend a Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace each summer. Invitations are extended in recognition of past service.
- 2.2 An invitation was received on 21 January for the Council to nominate representatives to attend a Royal Garden Party in May 2022. The Palace has advised that due to the backlog of potential guests to this year's garden parties the quota of places allocated to local authority representatives has been significantly reduced. This Council has therefore been allocated 2 places to attend, i.e. for one Member, plus one guest.

3 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 3.1 In previous years Members have been nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party in strict order of seniority based on total length of service and the Civic Car and Civic Chauffeur have been made available to transport them.
- 3.2 Local Government Association guidance states that "nominated and accompanying guests should not have previously attended a Royal Garden Party either as a main or an accompanying guest." Records are checked by the Palace and if nominees are found to have attended previously they will not be permitted to attend, thus forfeiting the Council's ticket allocation for that year's Royal Garden Party.
- 3.3 Taking into account the information in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above, the Member eligible to attend next is Cllr R R Dray (9 years' service).

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs of attending the Royal Garden Party can be met from existing budgets.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from any of the above information.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That Cllr R R Dray be nominated to attend in response to a forthcoming Royal Garden Party invitation for 2022.
- (2) That the Civic Officer submit the nomination to attend a Royal Garden Party by the 18 February deadline.
- (3) That the Civic Car and Civic Chauffeur be used to transport attendees representing Rochford District Council at a Royal Garden Party in 2022.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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