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## ATTENDANCE AT THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree the order of attendance at future Royal Garden Parties, and use of the Civic Car and Driver to transport attendees.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council is normally invited to nominate representatives to attend the Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace each summer. Invitations are in recognition of past service.
- 2.2 It is expected that the next invitation will arrive in late December 2017, for attendance at a Royal Garden Party in May or June 2018.
- 2.3 Four Rochford District Council Members are currently equally eligible to attend, however it is usual for Rochford District Council to be allocated one or two places (plus guest) each year. Therefore it is suggested that the order of attendance in coming years be agreed by drawing a random lot.
- 2.4 As the deadline for nominations is in January, it is appropriate to agree the order in which these Members will be nominated, and use of the Civic Car and Driver to transport attendees, at this meeting of Council.

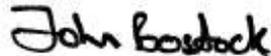
### 3 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 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 Driver have been made available to transport them.
- 3.2 The Local Government Authority states that “nominated and accompanying guests should **not** have previously attended a Royal Garden Party”, either as a main or accompanying guest. It is understood that records are checked by the Palace and if nominees are found to have attended previously they will be denied entry – forfeiting the Council’s ticket allocation for that year.
- 3.3 Taking the above information into account, the Members eligible to attend next are: Cllr D J Sperring, Cllr T E Mountain, Cllr J D Griffin and Cllr B T Hazlewood, who had each completed a total of 5 years service at the time of the May 2017 elections.

### 4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**
- (1) To draw a random lot at the meeting of Council on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 to determine the order in which Cllr D J Sperring, Cllr T E Mountain, Cllr J D Griffin and Cllr B T Hazlewood will be nominated to attend forthcoming Royal Garden Party invitations.

- (2) That the Civic Officer submit the nominations to attend a Royal Garden Party as appropriate and in accordance with the lot, once confirmation of the Council's allocation is received from the Palace for this and the future years.
- (3) That the Civic Car and Driver be used to transport attendees representing Rochford District Council at the Royal Garden Parties.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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