

## Report to: Personnel Committee

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**Agenda Item:** 14  
**Prepared By:** Town Clerk



**Subject:** Priority of Gifts and Benefits

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Chairman of the Personnel Committee has raised that members have queried the allocation of Tatton Park passes, RHS Tatton tickets and Pub in the Park tickets

Tatton Park provide the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Town Clerk with an entry permit for Tatton Park. These are issued in January each year and permit entry to the park, mansion, old hall, farm and gardens for two. In addition, Tatton Park provides a “guest of Town Mayor of Knutsford” pass which is available for members or staff to use.

The RHS provides the Town Council with six complimentary tickets to the RHS Tatton show. These tickets can be used on any one day of the show. It has been practice that the Town Mayor receives one ticket (should they wish) and that the remaining five are offered to all members and staff. In the event that there are more than five requests the allocation is determined randomly by drawing names from a hat. A query has been raised as to when staff were included in the allocation; the Town Clerk can advise that this was introduced in 2015.

At the request of a member, the Town Centre Manager has used her contacts with Pub in the Park to obtain a number of complimentary tickets for the Friday of the 2019 event. As per the allocation of RHS tickets, these have been offered to members and staff and will be allocated randomly if there are more requests than available tickets. Given the Town Centre Manager’s work around this event (local business communications, advising and coordinating a promotional stall at the event) the Town Clerk has approved that two tickets be automatically given to her.

In addition, Manchester Airport routinely offer tickets for shows at the Bridgewater Hall, these are used as prizes in Mayoral Fundraising events and not offered to members or staff.

### 2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should note the current arrangements and consider whether it wishes to set an alternative policy on the allocation such tickets.



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