

PPS/First Minister

ROYAL WEDDING OF HRH PRINCE HENRY OF WALES TO MISS (RACHEL) MEGHAN MARKLE – LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Purpose

1. To ask the First Minister to approve the attached letter of congratulations to be issued to His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, KCVO and Miss (Rachel) Meghan Markle on their forthcoming wedding.

Priority

2. Routine.

Background

3. The First Minister tweeted a message of congratulations following the engagement of Prince Henry to Miss Markle on 27 November 2017. The couple will be married at St. George's Chapel, Windsor on Saturday 19 May 2018.

4. Prince Henry and Miss Markle have specifically asked that no wedding gifts should be sent to them.. Instead, they have asked for donations to be made to charities which they both support and reflect their shared values. The link below provides information to their specific charities.

<https://www.royal.uk/wedding-charity-donations>

On the occasion of the wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales to the then Miss Catherine Middleton in 2011, the Former First Minister made a personal donation to the [redacted]. as it was supported through the Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton Charitable Gift Fund.

Conclusion

5. If the First Minister is content we recommend that the attached letter is sent from her Principal Private Secretary to His Royal Highness's Private Secretary.

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Strategy and Constitution Directorate
Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division

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Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness

Permanent Secretary
 David Rogers, Director of Strategy and Constitution
 James Hynd, Deputy Director, Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division
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 Communications First Minister
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