

**European Parliamentary Election – 22 May 2014**

**The East Midlands Region  
Declaration of Return as a Member  
of the European Parliament**

I, David Cook, being the Regional Returning Officer for the East Midlands Region hereby give notice that following:

- the resignation, with effect from 9 June 2017, of Andrew Lewer who was elected on the Conservative Party list as Member of the European Parliament for the East Midlands Region on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.
- receipt by me in writing that Rupert Oliver Matthews is willing and able to be returned as an MEP being the person whose name appears highest in the list submitted by the Conservative Party for the election in May 2014 having disregarded the name of any person who was returned as an MEP at that time or has stated that they do not wish to be returned as an MEP.
- receipt by me of a certificate signed by the Nominating Officer of the Conservative Party that Rupert Oliver Matthews may be returned as the Party's MEP.

**I therefore declare that Rupert Oliver Matthews**

**is returned as a Member of the European Parliament with effect  
from 29 June 2017**

David Cook MBE  
Regional Returning Officer East Midlands Region