Agenda Item: 17

Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date: 11 February 2014

Title: St Mary's Flower Festival

Purpose of the Report: To consider participating in the 2014

Contact Officer: Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

Background

St Mary's Parish Church is planning to hold a Flower Festival on Friday 16 May to Sunday 18 May 2014 and the Council has been invited to take part.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 23 April at 7.30pm for all those interested in taking part and the theme for 2014 is "Memories".

The Council has participated in past years by asking Thame Flower Club to design and produce a display on behalf of the Council the cost of which has been met by both the Mayor making a contribution from their allowance or by using funds from the Corporate Image budget. Expenditure has not been excessive at £50 - £100.

Resource Appraisal

There is nothing specifically identified within budget estimates for this event so if the Council is to participate it will be necessary to either limit the cost to a small figure (£75) and use the Corporate Image budget or request additional funding from General Reserves.

Risk Assessment

Other than Thame Flower Club may not wish to take on the responsibility so an alternative solution would need to be found, there are no perceived risks arising from this report.

Legal Powers: To be identified

Action

The Committee is asked:

- i) To decide whether the Council participates in the 2014 Flower Festival.
- ii) If i) is yes, to nominate a councillor to take on organising a display.
- iii) If i) is yes, to agree a budget figure to meet all the associated costs.