

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	9 February 2016
Title:	St Mary's Flower Festival
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider participating in the St Mary's Parish Church Flower Festival event on Friday 20 May to Sunday 22 May 2016.

Background

2. St. Mary's Church is planning to hold a Flower Festival in May and the Town Council has been invited to take part.
3. There will be a meeting on Monday 18th April at St. Mary's Church for those interested in taking part. The theme is linked with the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations with exhibits showing how our community and Parish Church may have changed over the 90 years of the Queen's life.
4. The Council has participated in the past by asking a member of Thame Flower Club to design and produce a display on behalf of the Council the cost of which has been met by either the Mayor making a contribution from their allowance, using funds from the Corporate Image Budget or to request additional funding from General Reserves. Expected expenditure has not been excessive at £75-£125.

Risk Assessment

5. There are no perceived risks arising from this report.

Resource Appraisal

6. 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 an amount of up to £125 and use the remaining 2015-16 Corporate Image budget or request additional funding from General Reserves.

Budget

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972, S145

Recommendation:

The Committee is asked:

- i) To decide whether the Council participates in the 2016 Flower Festival.*
- ii) If approved to nominate a Councillor with Officer Support to take on organising a display.*
- iii) If approved to agree that additional costs of up to £125 be met from General Reserves.*