

## **ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To appoint four representatives, including partners, to attend one of this year's Royal Garden Parties to be held in July.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This matter was deferred at the last meeting of full Council on 8 February. In the interim period, the total length of service of Councillor Mrs M A Weir has been checked following the comments made at the Council meeting.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The procedure in previous years has been for nominations to be given in strict order of seniority, based on Members total length of service, excluding those Members who have already attended a Garden Party on behalf of this Council, and those who have expressed a wish not to attend.
- 3.2 On this basis, excluding those who have previously attended on behalf of this Council or have no wish to attend, the most senior Member (9 years service) is Councillor G Fox and the next most senior (8 years) is Councillor Mrs M A Weir, followed by Councillor D E Barnes with 6 years service, and Councillors A Hosking and V H Leach with 5 years service.
- 3.3 In accordance with Council policy, the Council's representatives for the garden party should therefore be Councillor G Fox and Councillor Mrs M A Weir, unless either or both express a wish not to attend, with Councillor Barnes as reserve.

### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES:**

To nominate four representatives, including partners, to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties to be held in July and indicate the order of preference for the supplied dates of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000 (HCPI)

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**Background Papers:**

Local Government Association Circular.

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