

Item 10

REPORT TO COUNCIL

27th FEBRUARY 2007

REPORT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

Summary

The Council has been invited to send up to four nominees to Royal Garden Parties to be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 10th July, 2007: Tuesday.17th July, 2007 and Thursday 19th July, 2007. The report sets out details of those Members who have already attended a Royal Garden Party and makes recommendations in relation to the selection of the Council's representatives.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor Elect and partner and the Chief Executive and partner be appointed to attend one of the Royal Garden Parties.

DETAIL

Her Majesty the Queen is to give Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 10th July, 2007: Tuesday.17th July, 2007 and Thursday 19th July, 2007. to which the Council has been invited to send up to four nominees. The Local Government Association asked the Council to forward nominations for representatives to be invited to attend for onward submission to the Lord Chamberlain's office by 9th March 2007.

As in previous years, the Councils allocation will be four places. It is the Queen's wish that those invited should be drawn from as wide a range as possible and from persons who have not previously attended Royal Garden Parties. A list of current Members of the Council who have previously attended is set out below :-

Councillors B.F. Avery, JP., J. Burton, M A Dalton, Mrs. A. M. Fleming, R. S. Fleming, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Gray, G C Gray, Mrs. L. Hovvels, G. M. R. Howe, M. Iveson, J. Khan, J.P. Moran, G. Morgan,, D.A. Newell, K.Noble, J.K. Piggott, Ms. M Predki, T. Ward, W. Waters and J. Wayman JP..

It is usual practice for the Mayor Elect and partner to attend, together with one other Member of the Council and partner (at their own expense). Only named representatives submitted by the 9th March will be allowed to attend and no substitutes will be permitted at a later date. As this is an election year and we are unable to foresee who will be members of the Council following the elections on 3rd May 2007, I propose that as well as nominating the Mayor Elect the Council should also be represented by the Chief Executive, Brian Allen, and his partner. This will ensure that the Council is represented whatever the outcome of the election.

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Background Papers

Letter from Local Government Association dated 7th February, 2007.

Examination by Statutory Officers

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