

**HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO THE MEETING OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

**PUBLIC REPORT: Y**

**EXEMPT REPORT: N**

<b>Report Title</b>	Role of Scrutiny Commissioner
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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To consider the scoping of a report on the role of the Scrutiny Commissioner as requested by the Committee at its meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	This item was added to the 2019/20 Workplan by the Ethical Governance Committee on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Corporate Priorities</b>	
<b>Financial Implications</b>	None as far as this report is concerned
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	None as far as this report is concerned.
<b>Environmental Implications</b>	None as far as this report is concerned
<b>Legal Implications</b>	As set out in the body of this report
<b>Equality Implications</b>	None as far as this report is concerned
<b>Data Protection Implications</b>	None as far as this report is concerned
<b>Consultation</b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	<p><b>Appendix A</b> Extract from the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities May 2019</p> <p><b>Appendix B</b> Scrutiny Commissioners and Scrutiny Chairman appointed for the year 2019/20 across Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.</p>
<b>Background Papers</b>	Localism Act 2011; Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities May 2019
<b>Recommendation</b>	1. For members to consider the contents of this report

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 members resolved to add an item to the work plan for 2019/20 with respect to the position of the Scrutiny Commissioner, and specifically whether the Scrutiny Commissioner should be a councillor from the main opposition group of the Council. It was further agreed that the Committee would scope and subsequently debate any report produced and then make any recommendations to the appropriate meeting.

### 2 Key Facts

- 2.1 As the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 is the last scheduled full meeting of the Ethical Governance Committee in the 2019/20 year, members are asked to consider how they wish to proceed with consideration of this item.
- 2.2 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government issued statutory guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in May 2019. Paragraph 4 of the Guidance which refers to the selection of committee members is attached as Appendix A.
- 2.3 The details of the Scrutiny Commissioners and Scrutiny Chairman appointed for the year 2019/20 across Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are listed in Appendix B.