

Wirral Council: Investment Strategy Team – Briefing Note

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1. Introduction

On the 30th September 2015 Department for Communities Local Government released the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2015. The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. As with the previous releases, the Indices of Deprivation 2015 has been produced at Lower Super Output Area level (LSOA's), of which there are 32,844 in the country. Please note: All data used to calculate the IMD 2015 is from 2012/13.

2. Key National Headlines

The IMD 2015 results show that:

- 83% of neighbourhoods that are most deprived according to the 2015 IMD were also most deprived in the 2010 Index.
- 61% of all Local Authorities have at least one of the 10% most deprived LSOA's nationally.
- Blackpool, Knowsley, City of Kingston Upon Hull, Liverpool and Manchester are ranked as the top 5 most deprived local authorities nationally.

3. LCR Local Authority Rankings

Wirral is currently ranked 66th most deprived out of 326 local authorities as shown by the 'Rank of average score' column in Table 1 below. Wirral was previously ranked 60th most deprived in the IMD 2010 and has therefore moved up 6 places in the 2015 IMD rankings¹. Knowsley is the 2nd and Liverpool is the 4th most deprived LAs nationally, and Sefton is the least deprived in the city region at 76th most deprived nationally. Liverpool City Region is the most deprived LEP nationally.

¹ This score is a ranking of average score and does not take into account the relative position compared to the other LA's i.e. Wirral may not be less deprived than in 2010 just other authorities may have a worse score this time.

Table 1:

Local Authority	Rank of Average Score	Average Rank	Rank of LSOAs in most deprived 10%	Extent	Local Concentration	Income Domain	Employment Domain
Halton	27	36	19	19	22	34	21
Knowsley	2	5	2	4	3	1	1
Liverpool	4	7	4	2	7	5	5
Sefton	76	102	41	72	30	64	29
St. Helens	36	52	25	36	33	38	16
Wirral	66	106	36	62	12	51	25

Source: Department for Communities and Local Government, Indices of Deprivation 2015

1 = most deprived and 326 least deprived

* Definitions can be found at the end.

4. Wirral Analysis

There are 206 LSOA's in Wirral, 44 of which are ranked in the top 10% nationally this is 21% of Wirral's total LSOAs, this is 4 fewer LSOAs than in 2010. Wirral's most deprived LSOA is 7122 which is the St James's church area of Birkenhead and ranks 36th most deprived nationally (previously 24th in 2010). Wirral has 20 LSOA's ranked in the 3% most deprived nationally, this equates to 10% of the total LSOA's in the borough. Table 2 shows that in the borough, there are significantly more LSOA's which fall in the 10% most deprived compared to those in the 10% least deprived nationally, the increase of LSOAs in the least deprived 10% in 2015 highlights the continuing stark contrasts within the borough.

Table 2

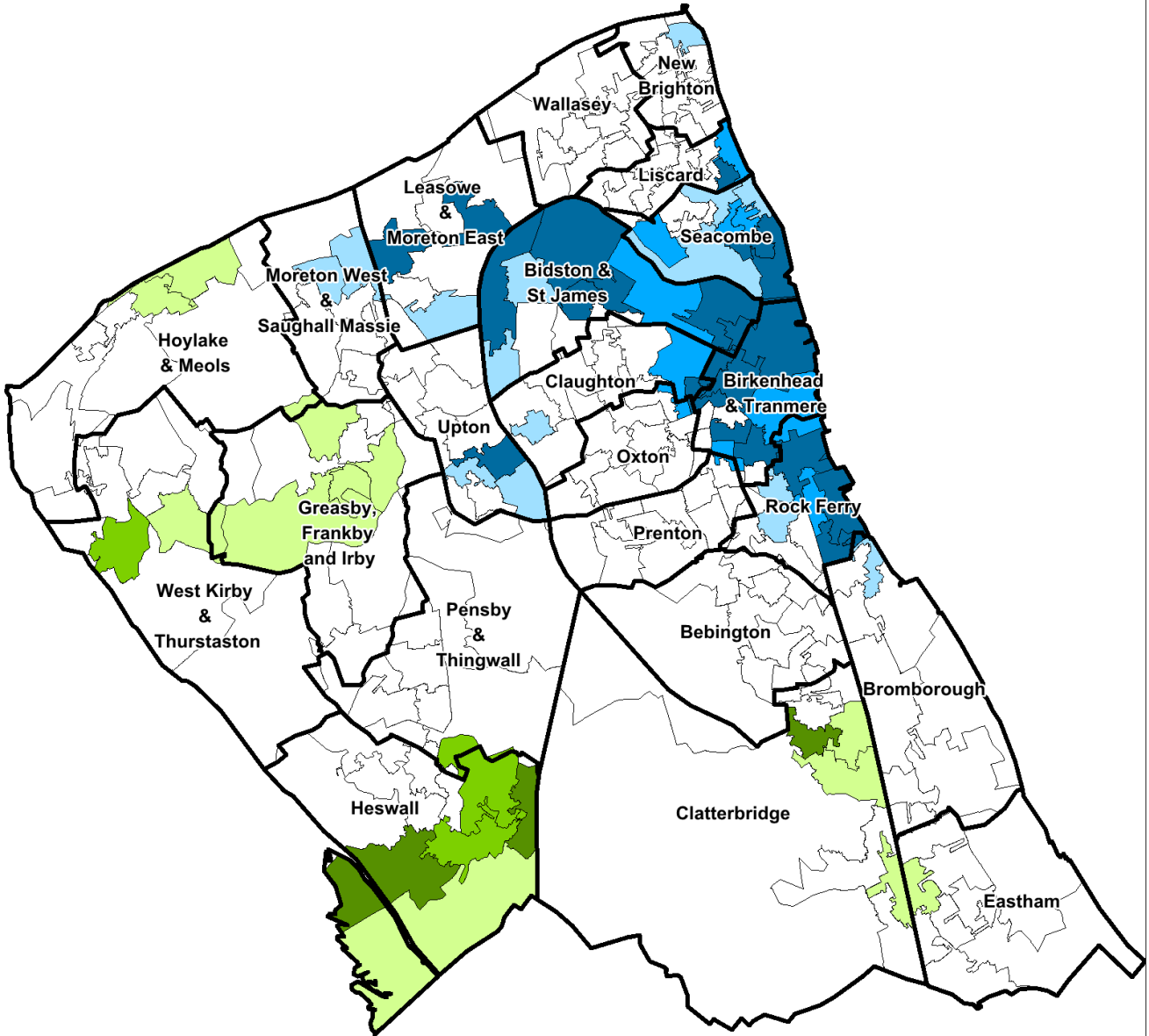
Number of LSOA's in Wirral	Most Deprived			Least Deprived		
	3%	5%	10%	3%	5%	10%
2007	22	32	50	1	2	9
2010	23	30	48	3	5	11
2015	20	29	44	3	12	18

NB: LSOA boundary changes resulted in Wirral having one less LSOA than in 2010; figures for the new LSOA have been averaged from to give a 2010 baseline position.


60% (124) of LSOA's in Wirral have improved their ranking position since the IMD 2010, whilst 40% (82) of the LSOA's have deteriorated in their ranking since IMD 2010.

Map 1 shows those LSOA's in the borough which are ranked in the top and bottom 10% of deprived areas nationally.

Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 - Wirral LSOAs by National Ranking



Wirral LSOA's by National Ranking 2015		
	3% Most Deprived	(20)
	5% Most Deprived	(9)
	10% Most Deprived	(15)
	10% Least Deprived	(12)
	5% Least Deprived	(3)
	3% Least Deprived	(3)
	All other LSOAs	(144)



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5. Employment Domain

In the 2010 IMD Wirral was ranked 10th worst nationally for employment deprivation; this has since improved to 25th in the 2015 update, a ranking improvement of 15 places. However, Wirral now has **the most employment deprived LSOA in the country**, this is LSOA 7133 which is located adjacent to Morpeth Dock and is the Birkenhead Park / East Float area. In the 2010 IMD this LSOA was ranked 5th nationally and has therefore slipped 4 places. LSOA 7126 which is the Morpeth Dock area of Birkenhead was ranked as 4th most deprived nationally in 2010 – this has now moved to a ranking of 73rd nationally, with 5 other Wirral LSOAs now falling below this ranking.

Table 3 shows as well as Wirral improving its national position for overall employment deprivation, there are also now fewer LSOA's which fall in the 10% most deprived nationally. In 2010 Wirral had 63 LSOAs in the 10% most deprived nationally; in 2015 Wirral has 53, this is a 16% reduction. 83% of all LSOA's in the borough have seen an improvement in their LSOA employment deprivation ranking since 2010.

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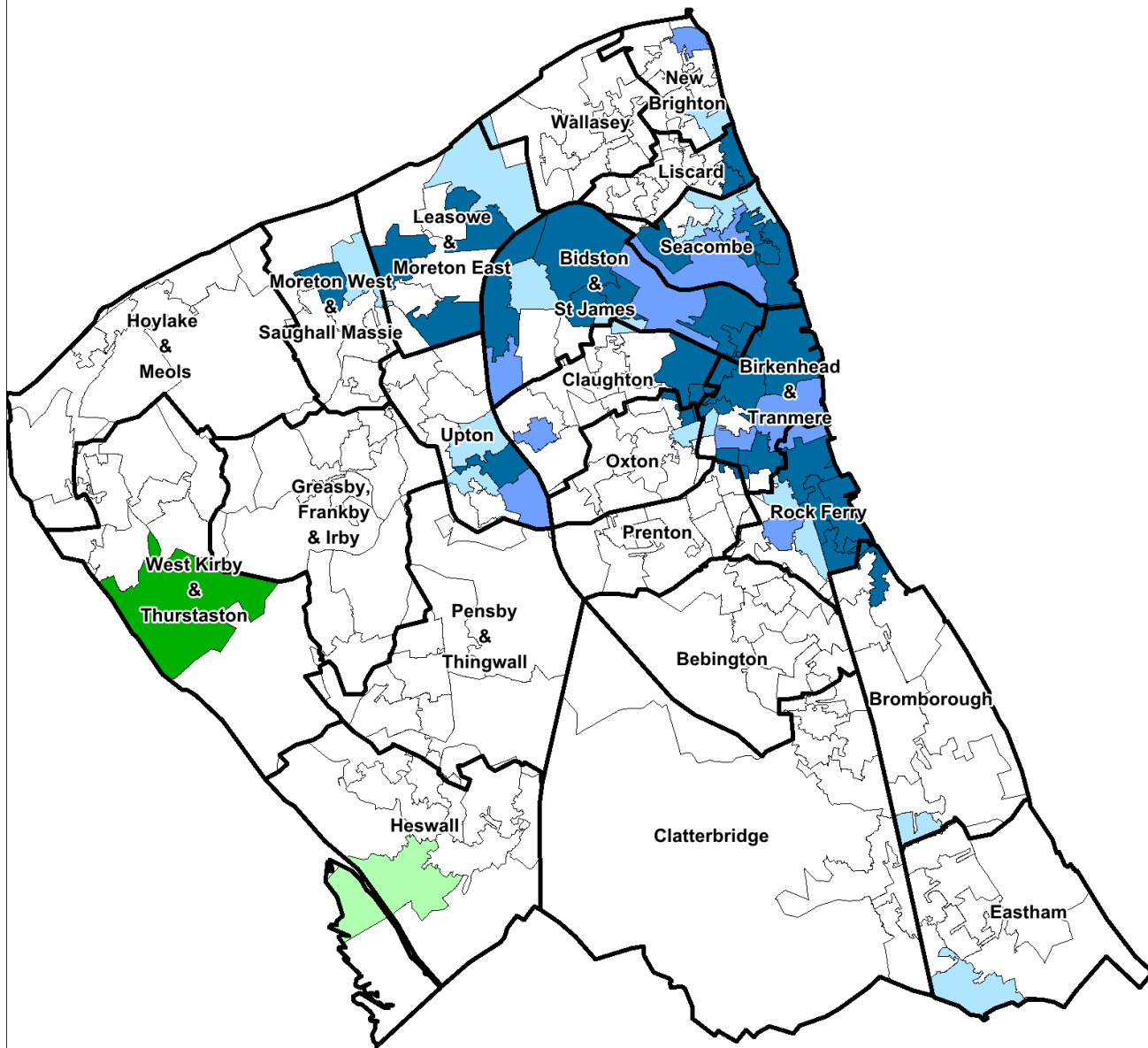
LSOA's for Employment Domain	Most Deprived			Least Deprived		
	3%	5%	10%	3%	5%	10%
2007	35	43	60	0	0	1
2010	39	51	63	0	0	2
2015	28	38	53	1	0	2

NB: LSOA boundary changes resulted in Wirral having one less LSOA than in 2010; figures for the new LSOA have been averaged from to give a 2010 baseline position.

Map 2 shows those LSOA's in the borough which are ranked in the top and bottom 10% for employment deprivation nationally.

Map 2:

**Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 - Wirral LSOAs by National Ranking
Employment Domain**



Wirral LSOAs by National Ranking 2015
Employment Domain

	3% Most Deprived	(28)
	5% Most Deprived	(10)
	10% Most Deprived	(15)
	10% Least Deprived	(1)
	3% Least Deprived	(1)
	All other LSOAs	(151)



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6. Income Domain

In the 2010 IMD Wirral was ranked 22nd nationally for income deprivation; this has since improved to 51st in the 2015 update, a ranking improvement of 29 places. However, Wirral now has **the 9th and 10th most income deprived LSOAs in the country**, again this LSOA is 7133 which is located adjacent to Morpeth Dock and is the Birkenhead Park / East Float area. In the 2010 IMD this LSOA was ranked 42nd nationally and has therefore slipped 33 places. LSOA 7122 which is the St James area of Birkenhead was ranked as 12th most deprived nationally in 2010 – this has now moved to a ranking of 10th nationally, so whilst this LSOA has not seen a significant change in ranking there has been a further decline in an already deprived area.

Table 3 shows as well as Wirral improving its national position for overall income deprivation, there are also now fewer LSOA's which fall in the 3% and 5% most deprived LSOAs nationally. The number in the 10% most deprived nationally has stayed the same since 2010 at 44 LSOAs. Wirral also now has 4 more LSOAs which are in the 10% least deprived LSOAs nationally. 58% of all LSOA's in the borough have seen an improvement in their LSOA income deprivation ranking since 2010.

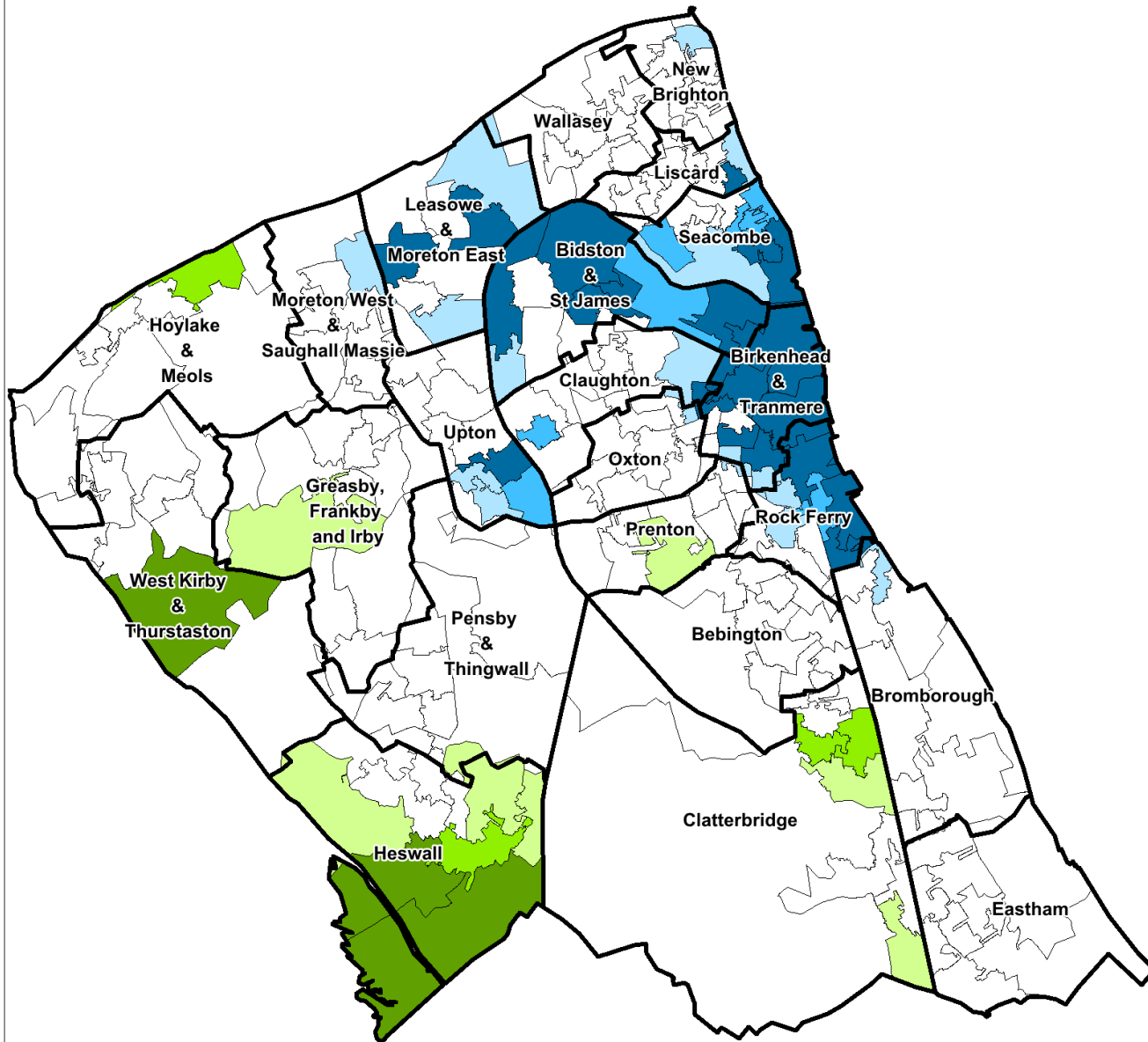
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LSOA's for Income Domain	Most Deprived			Least Deprived		
	3%	5%	10%	3%	5%	10%
2007	17	26	41	4	6	10
2010	24	32	44	2	5	10
2015	21	29	44	3	7	14

Map 3 shows those LSOA's in the borough which are ranked in the top and bottom 10% for income deprivation nationally.

Map 3:

**Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 - Wirral LSOAs by National Ranking
Income Domain**



Wirral LSOAs by National Ranking 2015 Income Domain		 WIRRAL
	3% Most Deprived (21)	
	5% Most Deprived (8)	
	10% Most Deprived (15)	
	10% Least Deprived (7)	
	5% Least Deprived (4)	
	3% Least Deprived (3)	
	all others (148)	Produced by Investment Strategy Team 02/10/2015. © Crown Copyright and Database Rights Ordnance Survey 100019803

7. Definitions of Local Authority Rankings categories in Tables 1

Average rank of scores	Describes overall ranking of the LA using the average deprivation score for each LSOA
Average rank of ranks	Describes the overall ranking of the LA using average rank of all LSOAs.
Local Concentration	This identifies the level of the Wirral's "hotspots" of deprivation as measured by the average ranking of the most deprived 10% LSOAs
Extent	This describes how widespread high levels of deprivation are in the borough.
Income	Measures the number of people in the borough who are income deprived.
Employment	Measures the number of people in the borough who are employment deprived.