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Mapping Poverty in Wigan Report 3

Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000

“Poverty means going short materially, socially and emotionally, spending less on food, heating and clothing than someone on average income. It steals away the opportunity to have a life unmarked by sickness, a decent education, a secure home and a long retirement”
(*“Poverty The Facts”* by the Child Poverty Action Group)

Mapping Poverty in Wigan

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Foreword

Wigan Council adopted an Action Against Poverty Strategy in September 1996; this was reshaped in light of national developments to become the Social Inclusion Strategy. One of the objectives of this Strategy is to map the levels of poverty and deprivation in the Borough.

A Sub Group of the main Working Group, consisting of representatives from Council Departments, Wigan & Bolton Health Authority and Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust has been working on this mapping exercise, in what is intended to be a series of "Poverty Profiles", investigating the geographical distribution of poverty and deprivation.

A preliminary report was published in June 1998 using the Townsend Deprivation Index and a second report used the Index of Local Deprivation 1998. The basis of the work in this report is the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000.

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I. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000 (IMD), published by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR), and an interpretation of the results relating to Wigan Metropolitan Borough.

“EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT to:-

Quality of life,

Equality of opportunity,

A safe, comfortable environment in which to live

Participate in lifelong learning,

Participate in work,

Positive options for health and well being,

Expect relevant and accessible service provision,

Enjoy time at play,

Be involved in local decision making “

Wigan's Charter for Social Inclusion (November 2000)

2. Background

The Government commissioned a review, led by Oxford University, of Deprivation Indices in December 1998. This was to take account of the fact that new and better up to date data for small areas was starting to become available. After a considerable amount of consultation and debate the IMD 2000 was finally published on 22 August 2000 (Regeneration Research Summary Number 31, 2000 - Indices of Deprivation 2000; available at www.regeneration.detr.gov.uk).

A further report about the Index (its components, the methodology and analysis of the Index) was published by the DETR in December 2000 (Regeneration Research Summary Number 37, 2000 - Measuring Multiple Deprivation at the Small Area Level: The Indices of Deprivation 2000; also available at www.regeneration.detr.gov.uk).

Previous Indices were the Index of Local Conditions 1993 and the Index of Local Deprivation 1998, both of which relied heavily on 1991 Census data and were a single index for each Local Authority. In contrast this present revision has produced six indices at LA level with six Domain indices and an overall Index of Multiple Deprivation at Ward level.

This report deals (in Section 3) with the Indices at Ward level by deprivation domains and also provides individual Ward profiles. Section 4 outlines the six District level indices for the Borough. Section 5 outlines that the government expects all six indices to be taken into account in assessing deprivation but that these may not necessarily be the only factors in assessing the need for regeneration assistance.

While not being perfect the IMD is the most detailed and up to date analysis of deprivation produced so far. The results can be interpreted as a confirmation of what is already known, from a number of different smaller individual data sources, about the patterns of deprivation in the Borough. However they do shed considerable new light on levels of deprivation in comparison with the rest of England by different themes and also allow for presentation of the information in ways not seen before.

It should be noted that it is difficult to make direct comparisons with the previous Indices of Local Conditions or Local Deprivation due to differences in methodology. It would therefore not be correct to make assumptions that any Ward or the Borough has become more or less deprived although the pattern may have changed in some instances.

3. Indices at Ward Level

The IMD was intended as a Ward level Index which would enable analysis at the most local level possible with the data available.

The Indices include a total of 33 indicators and this data is presented by 6 domains based on the premise that multiple deprivation has a number of separate dimensions as follows:-

- Income
- Employment
- Health and Disability
- Education, Skills and Training
- Housing
- Geographical Access to Services

Each of these combine a number of different indicators together to produce a score for each Ward and also a ranking in England.

Each of these Domains has then been combined to form the main Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000 (See Section 3.8 below). This produces a score for each Ward and a ranking which indicates that four Wards in the Borough rank amongst the highest 10% in England. In addition a supplementary Child Poverty Index has been constructed by extracting child related data from the Income Domain.

In each of the Domains presented below the columns in the tables show:-

- a Rank in Wigan Borough for each Ward
- the Score for each Ward
- the Rank in England (where 1 is the most deprived Ward and 8414 the least deprived)
- an indication of which range (by 10 percent bands) the Ward falls in England.

The review also covered two other Domains, which were felt to be important, but for which it was considered that no suitable data of the right quality, consistency or robustness was available; these were Environment and Crime and Social Order.

The Environment is of particular concern in this Borough and the case was put for its inclusion in the consultations. It is accepted that issues such as land quality and use, emissions, water and air quality as well as the effects of crime are important aspects of deprivation. There is a commitment that future versions of the Indices will work towards including indicators such as Environment and Crime and Social Order when they become available.

An Appendix at the end of the report provides Ward Profiles setting out the information from the Domains and the main Index in a simple table for each of the 24 Wards in the Borough.

3.1 Income Deprivation Domain

The Income Domain measures people who are on low income. This together with the Employment Domain is regarded as one of the most important aspects of deprivation. The indicators are in the form of non-overlapping counts of people in families in receipt of means tested benefits. The scores in this Domain are rates, which means that x% of the Ward's population are income deprived.

Income Deprivation Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Adults in Income Support households (DSS) for 1998
- Children in Income Support households (DSS) for 1998
- Adults in Income Based Job Seekers Allowance households (DSS) for 1998
- Children in Income Based Job Seekers Allowance households (DSS) for 1998
- Adults in Family Credit households (DSS) for 1999
- Children in Family Credit households (DSS) for 1999
- Adults in Disability Working Allowance households (DSS) for 1999
- Children in Disability Working Allowance households (DSS) for 1999
- Non-earning, non-IS pensioner and disabled Council Tax Benefit recipients (DSS) for 1998 apportioned to wards

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 12.5% of Wards are in the highest 10% in England.
- 30% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- 60% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- All Wards except 2 are in the highest 50% in England.

Table 1

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Income Domain Score	Rank of Income Domain *	% Range in England
1	Norley	45.74	257	1 to 10
2	Ince	37.64	668	1 to 10
3	Newtown	36.57	740	1 to 10
4	Atherton	32.68	1081	11 to 20
5	Leigh Central	30.39	1322	11 to 20
6	Abram	30.31	1332	11 to 20
7	Whelley	27.61	1668	11 to 20
8	Hindley	27.39	1690	21 to 30
9	Beech Hill	27.28	1701	21 to 30
10	Hindsford	26.36	1838	21 to 30
11	Worsley Mesnes	25.99	1890	21 to 30
12	Bedford-Astley	25.56	1962	21 to 30
13	Leigh East	24.81	2073	21 to 30
14	Hope Carr	22.56	2469	21 to 30
15	Ashton-Golborne	21.78	2619	31 to 40
16	Hindley Green	21.24	2719	31 to 40
17	Bryn	20.80	2813	31 to 40
18	Lightshaw	19.54	3116	31 to 40
19	Orrell	17.57	3630	41 to 50
20	Aspull-Standish	16.86	3835	41 to 50
21	Swinley	16.50	3957	41 to 50
22	Tyldesley East	16.36	3990	41 to 50
23	Winstanley	14.00	4775	51 to 60
24	Langtree	12.05	5557	61 to 70

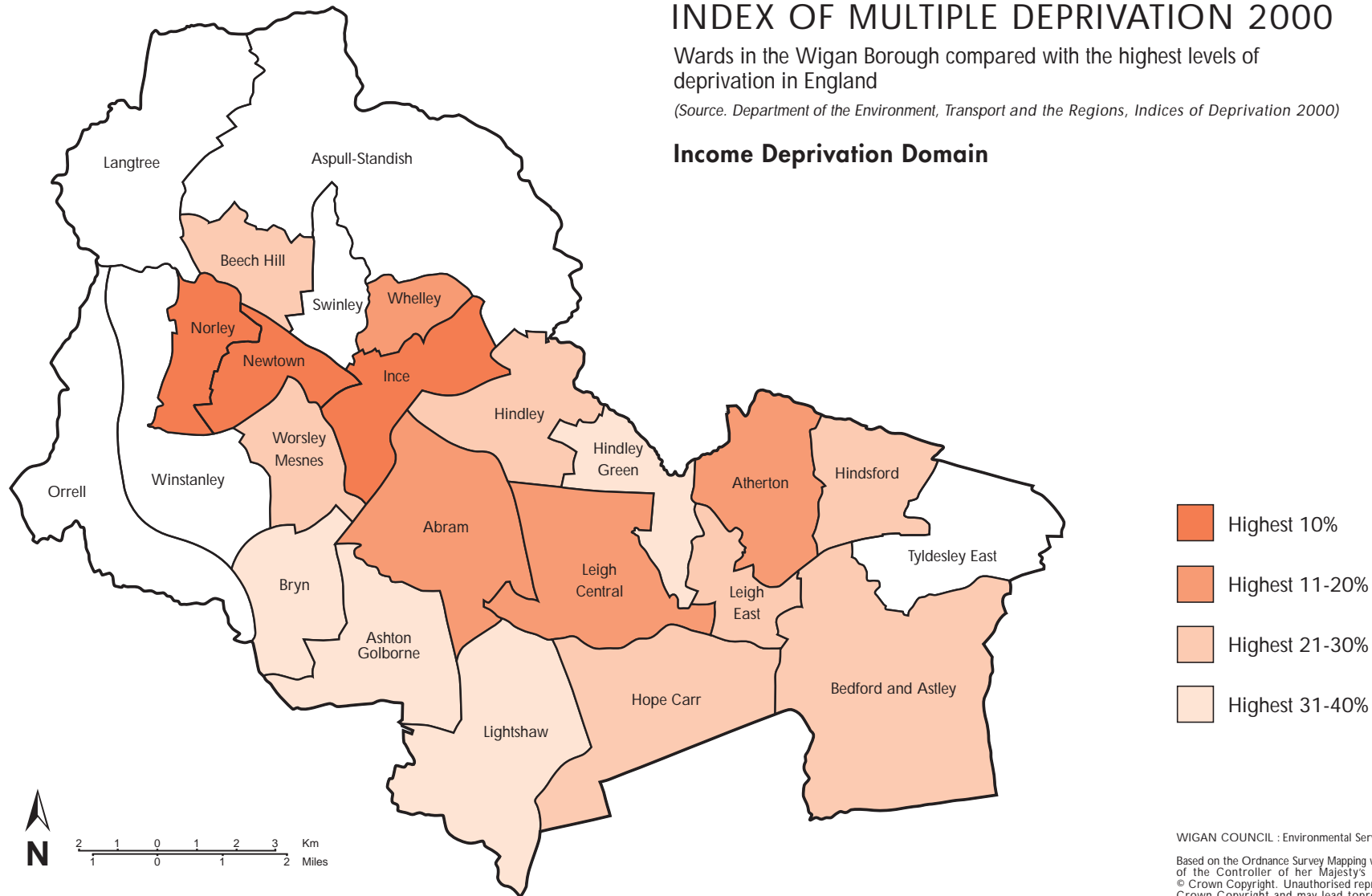
*Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

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Wards in the Wigan Borough compared with the highest levels of deprivation in England

(Source. Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Indices of Deprivation 2000)

Income Deprivation Domain



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3.2 Employment Deprivation Domain

“Employment deprived” people are defined as those who want to work but are unable to do so through unemployment, sickness or disability. The Domain measures forced exclusion from the world of work. This is seen as a separate deprivation from income deprivation to which lack of employment may lead. The indicators constitute non-overlapping counts of people excluded from the labour market through unemployment, ill health or disability. The scores in this Domain are rates, which means that x% of the Ward’s population are employment deprived.

Employment Deprivation Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Unemployment claimant counts (JUVOS, ONS) average of May 1998, August 1998, November 1998 and February 1999
- People out of work but in TEC delivered government supported training (DfEE)
- People aged 18-24 on New Deal options (ES)
- Incapacity Benefit recipients aged 16-59 (DSS) for 1998
- Severe Disablement Allowance aged 16-59 (DSS) for 1999

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 30% of Wards are in the highest 10% in England.
- 80% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- 90% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- All Wards are in the highest 40% in England.

Table 2

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Employment Domain Score	Rank of Employment Domain *	% Range in England
1	Norley	29.46	126	1 to 10
2	Ince	27.48	199	1 to 10
3	Newtown	24.91	339	1 to 10
4	Abram	22.50	519	1 to 10
5	Whelley	21.87	583	1 to 10
6	Leigh Central	20.34	726	1 to 10
7	Atherton	20.33	727	1 to 10
8	Hindley	18.79	918	11 to 20
9	Worsley Mesnes	18.48	959	11 to 20
10	Beech Hill	18.08	1029	11 to 20
11	Bedford-Astley	17.32	1146	11 to 20
12	Swinley	16.71	1267	11 to 20
13	Hindley Green	16.49	1294	11 to 20
14	Hindsford	16.15	1354	11 to 20
15	Orrell	5.88	1414	11 to 20
16	Ashton-Golborne	5.83	1424	11 to 20
17	Bryn	15.68	1462	11 to 20
18	Leigh East	15.43	1517	11 to 20
19	Hope Carr	15.09	1606	11 to 20
20	Lightshaw	14.00	1851	21 to 30
21	Winstanley	12.84	2172	21 to 30
22	Aspull-Standish	12.37	2316	21 to 30
23	Tyldesley East	10.47	3066	31 to 40
24	Langtree	10.15	3209	31 to 40

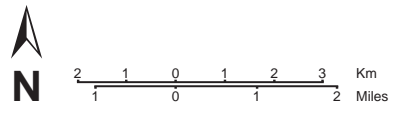
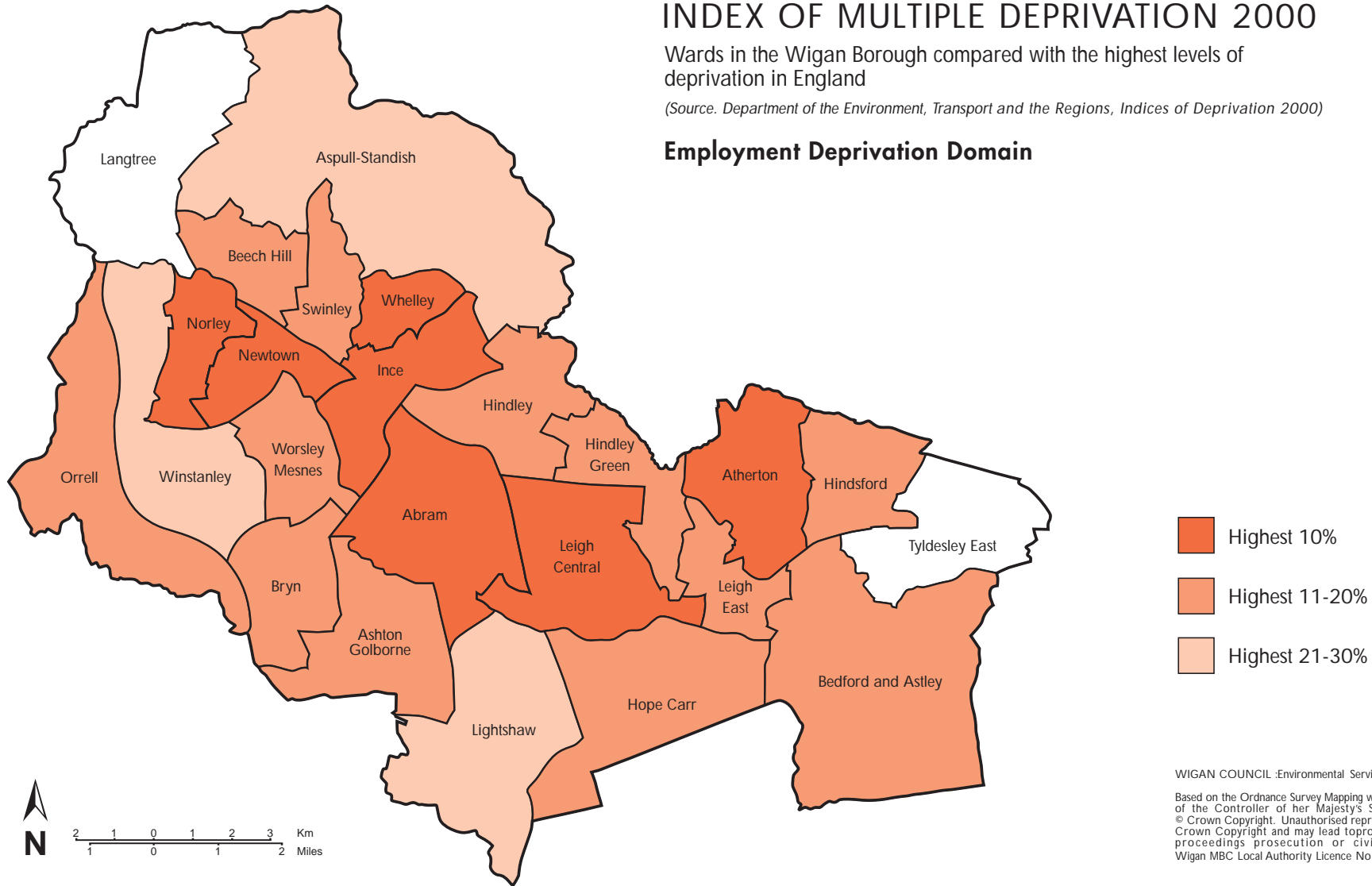
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Employment Deprivation Domain



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3.3 Health Deprivation and Disability Domain

This Domain identifies people whose quality of life is impaired by either poor health or disability. While ill health is closely intertwined with other aspects of deprivation, it is also important in its own right. Premature death is the ultimate manifestation of this, but chronic ill health and disability will also greatly impair the quality of people's lives. The scores in this Domain are not rates, which means that a percentage of a Ward's population cannot be defined.

Health Deprivation and Disability Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Comparative Mortality Ratios for men and women at ages under 65. District level figures for 1997 and 1998 applied to constituent wards (ONS)
- People receiving Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance (DSS) in 1998 as a proportion of all people
- Proportion of people of working age (16-59) receiving Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance (DSS) for 1998 and 1999 respectively
- Age and sex standardised ratio of limiting long-term illness (1991 Census)
- Proportion of births of low birth weight (<2,500g) for 1993-97 (ONS)

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 62.5% of Wards are in the highest 10% in England.
- 90% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- All Wards are in the highest 40% in England.

Table 3

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Health Domain Score	Rank of Health Domain *	% Range in England
1	Ince	2.18	83	1 to 10
2	Norley	2.13	95	1 to 10
3	Newtown	1.85	194	1 to 10
4	Atherton	1.78	238	1 to 10
5	Abram	1.77	246	1 to 10
6	Whelley	1.71	295	1 to 10
7	Leigh Central	1.66	331	1 to 10
8	Hindley	1.58	391	1 to 10
9	Worsley Mesnes	1.44	528	1 to 10
10	Hindley Green	1.40	584	1 to 10
11	Hindsford	1.39	590	1 to 10
12	Bedford-Astley	1.34	653	1 to 10
13	Beech Hill	1.28	740	1 to 10
14	Leigh East	1.24	782	1 to 10
15	Bryn	1.22	821	1 to 10
16	Ashton-Golborne	1.20	847	11 to 20
17	Orrell	1.16	900	11 to 20
18	Hope Carr	1.11	1007	11 to 20
19	Lightshaw	1.01	1189	11 to 20
20	Swinley	0.96	1306	11 to 20
21	Winstanley	0.93	1350	11 to 20
22	Aspull-Standish	0.85	1523	11 to 20
23	Tyldesley East	0.74	1806	21 to 30
24	Langtree	0.47	2549	31 to 40

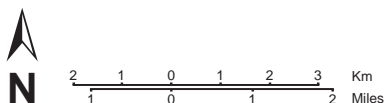
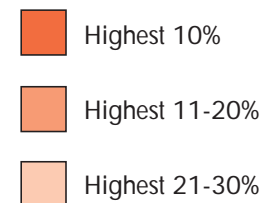
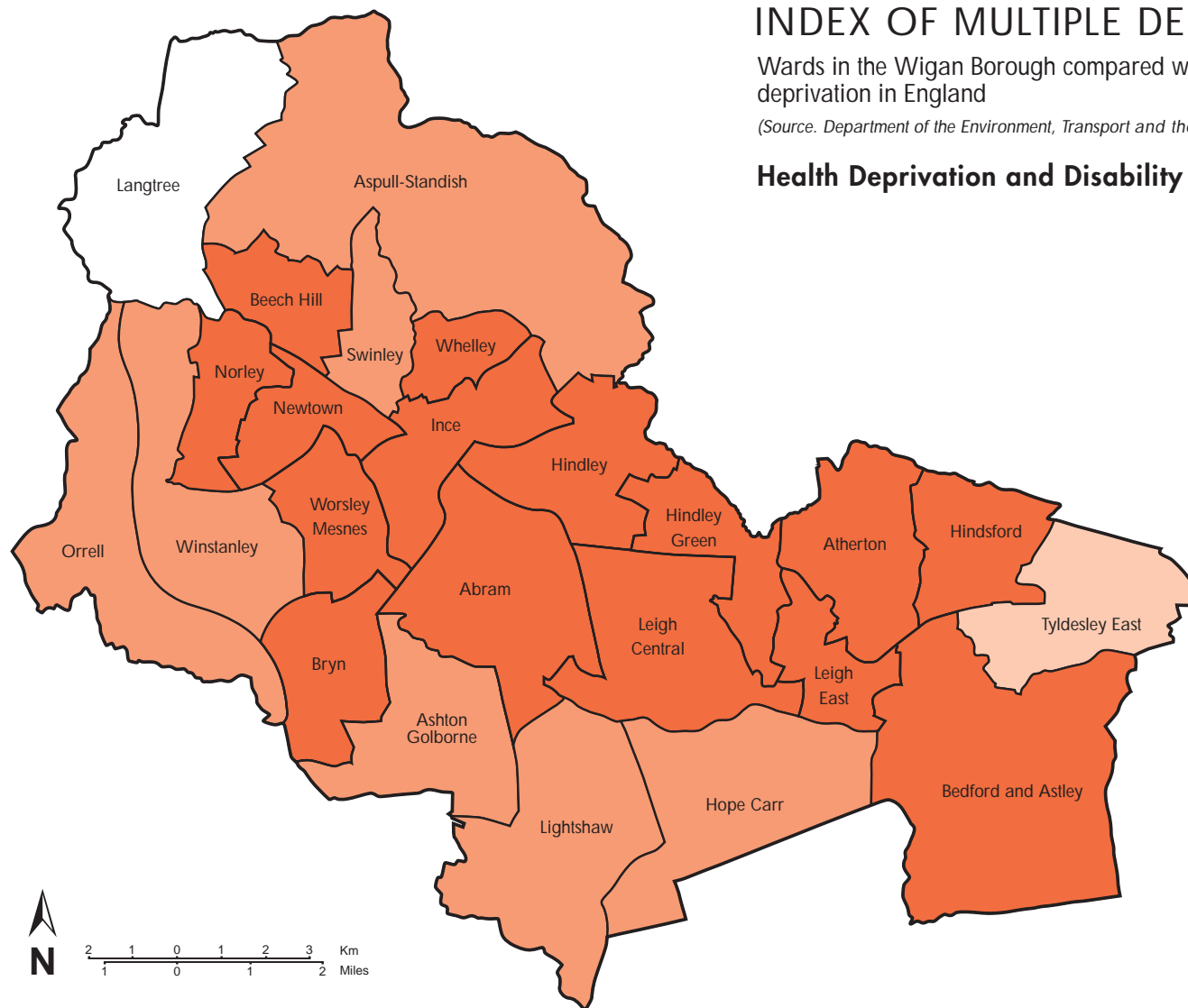
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Health Deprivation and Disability Domain



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3.4 Education, Skills and Training Deprivation Domain

This Domain measures education deprivation in as direct way as possible. This is predominantly measured by lack of qualifications amongst adults and children of different ages in a local area. Lack of participation in full time or higher education is also an important aspect of area deprivation. The scores in this Domain are not rates, which means that a percentage of a Ward's population cannot be defined.

Education, Skills and Training Deprivation Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Working age adults with no qualifications (3 years aggregated LFS data at district level, modelled to ward level) for 1995-1998
- Children aged 16 and over who are not in full-time education (Child Benefit data - DSS) for 1999
- Proportions of 17 - 19 year old population who have not successfully applied for HE (UCAS data) for 1997 and 1998
- KS2 primary school performance data (DfEE, converted to ward level estimates) for 1998
- Primary school children with English as an additional language (DfEE) for 1998
- Absenteeism at primary level (all absences, not just unauthorised) (DfEE) for 1998

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 20% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- 40% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- 66% of Wards are in the highest 50% in England.

Table 4

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Education Domain Score	Rank of Education Domain *	% Range in England
1	Norley	1.31	608	1 to 10
2	Abram	1.09	968	11 to 20
3	Newtown	0.90	1323	11 to 20
4	Ince	0.90	1333	11 to 20
5	Leigh Central	0.78	1610	11 to 20
6	Hindley Green	0.56	2200	21 to 30
7	Leigh East	0.56	2223	21 to 30
8	Hindsford	0.55	2232	21 to 30
9	Atherton	0.52	2337	21 to 30
10	Hindley	0.48	2464	21 to 30
11	Beech Hill	0.40	2734	31 to 40
12	Worsley Mesnes	0.37	2821	31 to 40
13	Bedford-Astley	0.37	2833	31 to 40
14	Lightshaw	0.36	2850	31 to 40
15	Ashton-Golborne	0.20	3365	31 to 40
16	Winstanley	0.20	3391	41 to 50
17	Whelley	-0.07	4388	51 to 60
18	Hope Carr	-0.13	4591	51 to 60
19	Tyldesley East	-0.33	5338	61 to 70
20	Bryn	-0.54	6086	71 to 80
21	Aspull-Standish	-0.56	6152	71 to 80
22	Orrell	-0.58	6225	71 to 80
23	Swinley	-0.65	6408	71 to 80
24	Langtree	-0.80	6838	81 to 90

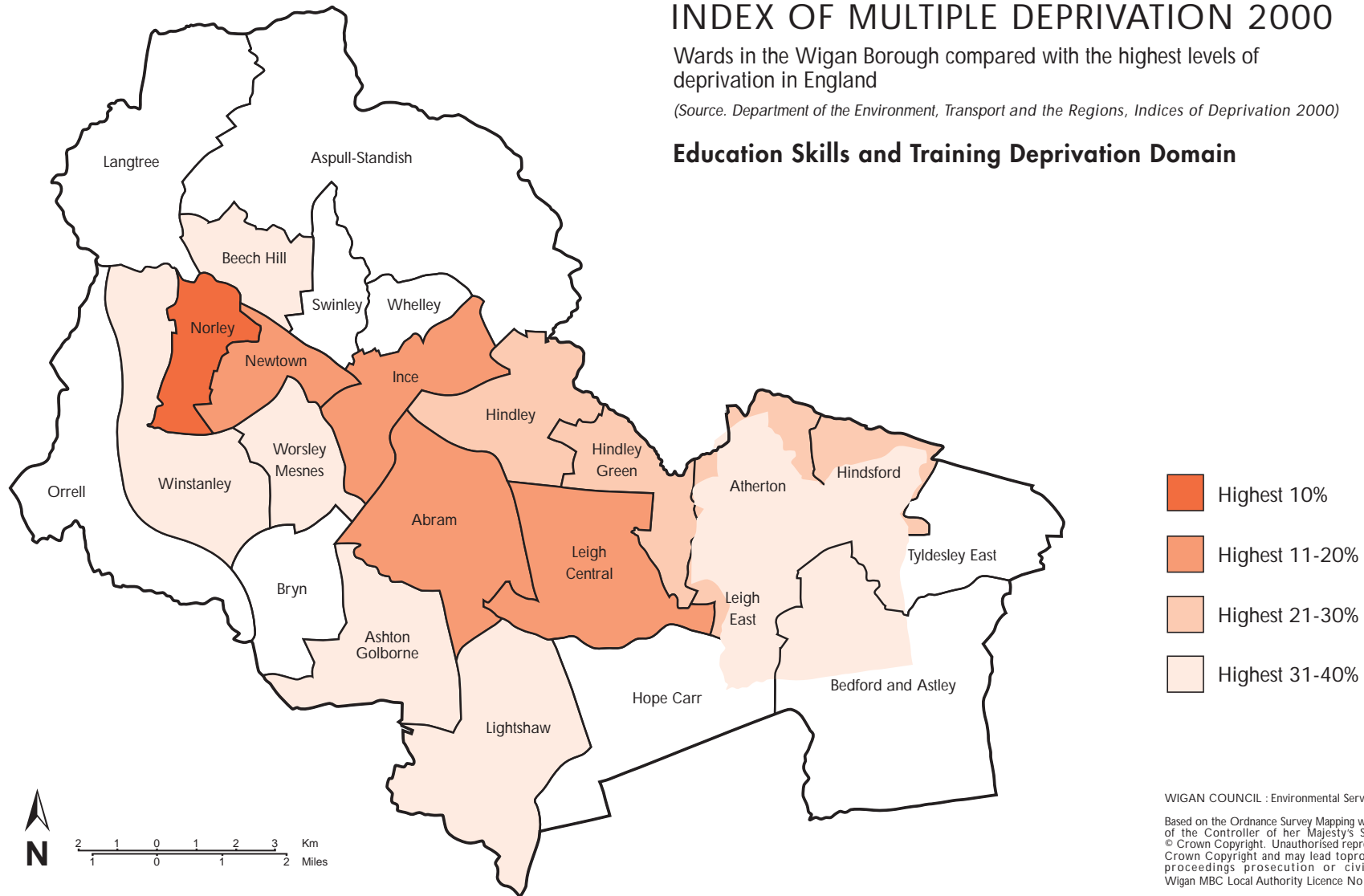
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Education Skills and Training Deprivation Domain



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3.5 Housing Deprivation Domain

This Domain is intended to identify people living in unsatisfactory housing, and, in the extreme case, homelessness. It was not possible for the review to obtain information on poor condition in public sector housing and this must therefore be regarded as a weakness in this particular aspect of the Index. This must particularly be the case in this Borough where it is already known that the highest levels of deprivation on the basis of previous Indices are in Council housing estates.

A future version of the Index will review how social housing conditions may be incorporated. The scores in this Domain are not rates, which means that a percentage of a Ward's population cannot be defined.

Housing Deprivation Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Homeless households in temporary accommodation (Local Authority HIP Returns) for 1997-98
- Household overcrowding (1991 Census)
- Poor private sector housing (modelled from 1996 English House Condition Survey and RESIDATA)

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- One Ward is in the highest 20% in England.
- 20% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- 66% of Wards are in the highest 50% in England.

Table 5

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Housing Domain Score	Rank of Housing Domain *	% Range in England
1	Norley	0.87	1388	11 to 20
2	Ince	0.74	1693	21 to 30
3	Newtown	0.68	1873	21 to 30
4	Abram	0.62	2032	21 to 30
5	Leigh Central	0.61	2049	21 to 30
6	Atherton	0.40	2742	31 to 40
7	Beech Hill	0.32	2995	31 to 40
8	Hindsford	0.31	3012	31 to 40
9	Ashton-Golborne	0.30	3071	31 to 40
10	Leigh East	0.25	3247	31 to 40
11	Hindley	0.25	3269	31 to 40
12	Worsley Mesnes	0.19	3455	41 to 50
13	Hindley Green	0.18	3510	41 to 50
14	Whelley	0.09	3818	41 to 50
15	Hope Carr	0.01	4120	41 to 50
16	Lightshaw	-0.01	4206	41 to 50
17	Winstanley	-0.13	4651	51 to 60
18	Bryn	-0.19	4852	51 to 60
19	Bedford-Astley	-0.21	4937	51 to 60
20	Tyldesley East	-0.38	5549	61 to 70
21	Aspull-Standish	-0.55	6091	71 to 80
22	Orrell	-0.65	6409	71 to 80
23	Swinley	-0.71	6570	71 to 80
24	Langtree	-0.81	6840	81 to 90

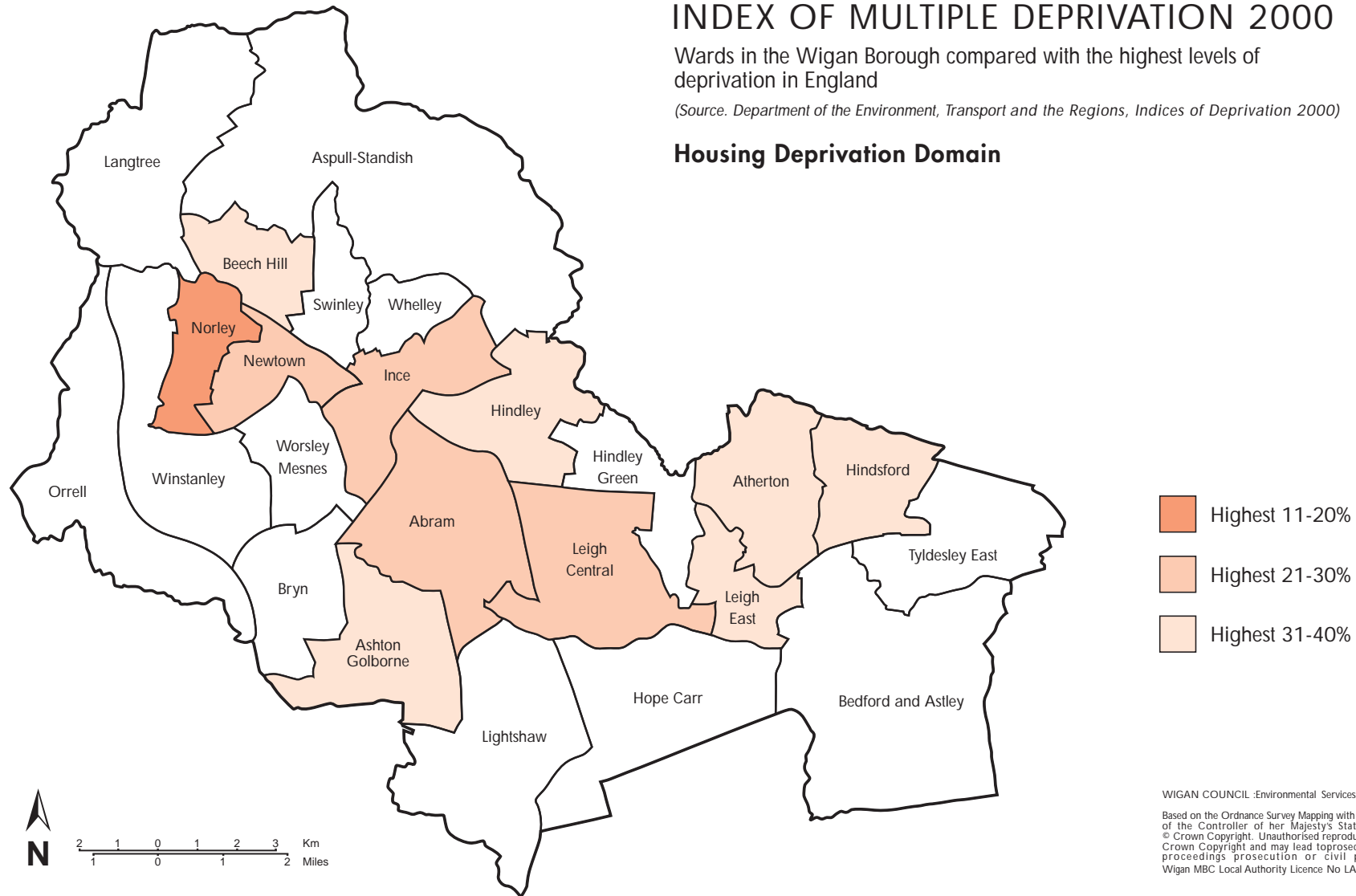
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Housing Deprivation Domain



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3.6 Geographical Access to Services Deprivation Domain

Access to essential services is an important aspect of people's everyday lives. This Domain focuses on people with low incomes (on benefits) in the first three indicators plus access to primary schools for 5 to 8 year olds. It is suggested that lack of access is likely to be more of a disadvantage than for those on higher incomes, who are in principle more able to afford public or private transport. The scores in this Domain are not rates, which means that a percentage of a Ward's population cannot be defined.

Geographical Access to Services Deprivation Domain - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Access to a post office (General Post Office Counters) for April 1998
- Access to food shops (Data Consultancy)
- Access to a GP (NHS, BMA, Scottish Health Service) for October 1997
- Access to a primary school (DfEE) for 1999

The main characteristics are that this Domain is unlike all the other Domains, both nationally and locally, in that it has the appearance of a 'rural deprivation index', and it has received some criticism on this basis. However it is important that 'rural' as well as 'urban' deprivation issues are recognised in a national index and there are some local issues which require consideration.

This is the first time that an attempt has been made to include such indicators in a deprivation index. The indicators have been calculated on the basis of average distances travelled to each service. There is a commitment to refine this Domain in a future version to include access to public transport, if data were available, which would be a significant improvement.

Table 6

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Access Domain Score	Rank of Access Domain *	% Range in England
1	Aspull-Standish	0.38	2645	31 to 40
2	Orrell	0.29	2873	31 to 40
3	Langtree	0.17	3227	31 to 40
4	Hope Carr	0.10	3445	41 to 50
5	Bedford-Astley	0.09	3467	41 to 50
6	Tyldesley East	0.03	3711	41 to 50
7	Leigh Central	-0.09	4148	41 to 50
8	Beech Hill	-0.17	4480	51 to 60
9	Winstanley	-0.21	4712	51 to 60
10	Ashton-Golborne	-0.25	4883	51 to 60
11	Hindley	-0.26	4902	51 to 60
12	Bryn	-0.31	5151	61 to 70
13	Hindley Green	-0.32	5190	61 to 70
14	Lightshaw	-0.34	5251	61 to 70
15	Ince	-0.38	5420	61 to 70
16	Abram	-0.45	5727	61 to 70
17	Newtown	-0.50	5931	71 to 80
18	Worsley Mesnes	-0.56	6183	71 to 80
19	Swinley	-0.56	6185	71 to 80
20	Whelley	-0.58	6255	71 to 80
21	Atherton	-0.65	6533	71 to 80
22	Norley	-0.67	6575	71 to 80
23	Leigh East	-0.76	6874	81 to 90
24	Hindsford	-0.85	7159	81 to 90

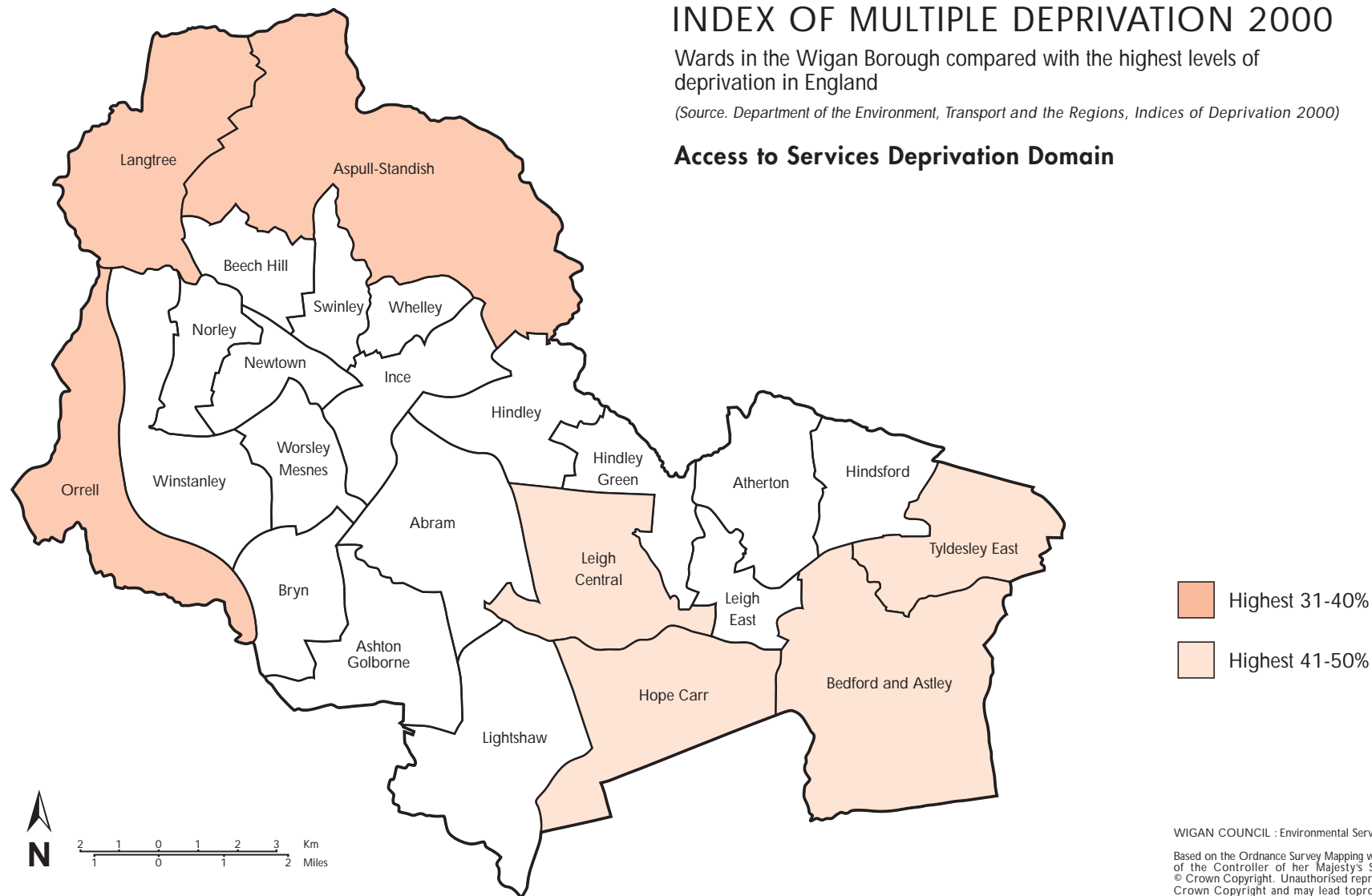
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Access to Services Deprivation Domain



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3.7 Child Poverty

The Child Poverty Index score was constructed by combining the indicators within the Income Domain for children under 16 only. As this is a sub-set of the Income Domain it is not a separate Domain in its own right as the children are already counted in the main Domain. The score in this case is a rate, and so indicates that x% of children aged less than 16 are in low income (i.e. means tested benefit reliant) families in each Ward.

Child Poverty Deprivation - Summary of Deprivation Indicators:

- Children in Income Support households (DSS) for 1998
- Children in Income Based Job Seekers Allowance households (DSS) for 1998
- Children in Family Credit households (DSS) for 1999
- Children in Disability Working Allowance households (DSS) for 1999

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 25% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- 55% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- 80% of Wards are in the highest 50% in England.

Table 7

Wigan Rank	Ward Name	Child Poverty Domain Score	Rank of Child Poverty Domain *	% Range in England
1	Norley	63.85	285	1 to 10
2	Atherton	52.78	791	11 to 10
3	Newtown	50.54	950	11 to 20
4	Ince	50.23	977	11 to 20
5	Abram	47.34	1179	11 to 20
6	Leigh Central	44.25	1451	11 to 20
7	Beech Hill	40.47	1798	21 to 30
8	Hindley	39.88	1849	21 to 30
9	Hindsford	39.57	1876	21 to 30
10	Bedford-Astley	38.80	1948	21 to 30
11	Worsley Mesnes	36.55	2203	21 to 30
12	Leigh East	35.90	2285	21 to 30
13	Whelley	35.41	2339	21 to 30
14	Hope Carr	33.66	2534	31 to 40
15	Hindley Green	31.66	2741	31 to 40
16	Bryn	29.21	3100	31 to 40
17	Ashton-Golborne	27.35	3385	41 to 50
18	Lightshaw	26.71	3486	41 to 50
19	Tyldesley East	23.12	4088	41 to 50
20	Orrell	18.54	5006	51 to 60
21	Aspull-Standish	18.39	5035	51 to 60
22	Swinley	17.41	5260	61 to 70
23	Winstanley	16.39	5514	61 to 70
24	Langtree	13.46	6233	71 to 80

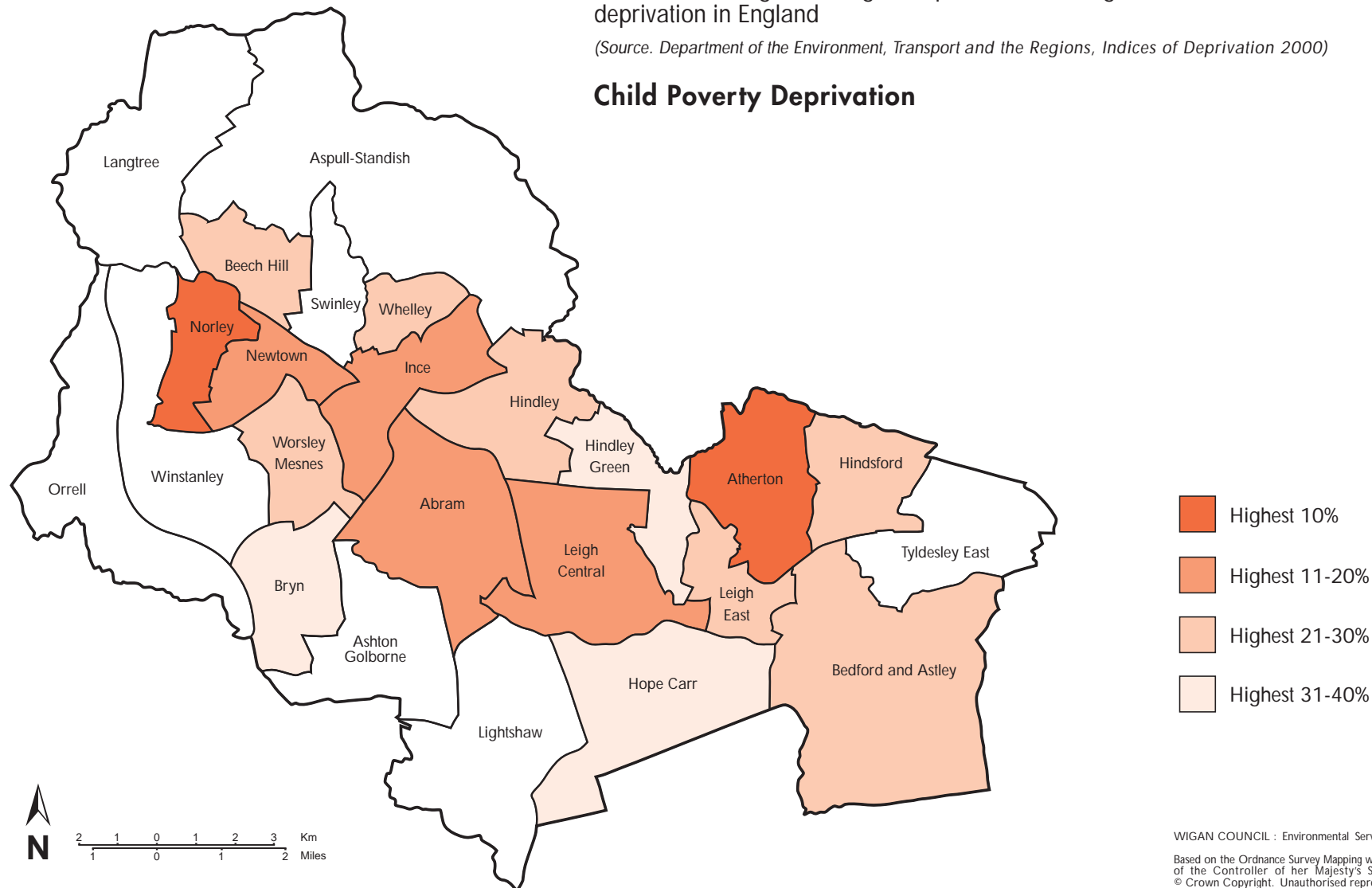
* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2000

Wards in the Wigan Borough compared with the highest levels of deprivation in England

(Source: Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Indices of Deprivation 2000)

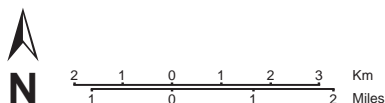
Child Poverty Deprivation



- Highest 10%
- Highest 11-20%
- Highest 21-30%
- Highest 31-40%

WIGAN COUNCIL : Environmental Services Department

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3.8 Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000

The overall IMD 2000 was constructed by combining the six transformed Domain scores, using the following weightings:-

- Income (25%)
- Employment (25%)
- Health and Disability (15%)
- Education, Skills and Training (15%)
- Housing (10%)
- Geographical Access to Services (10%)

Which gives a very clear indication of the original thesis of the review that income and employment deprivation are the two most important aspects of deprivation analysis.

Some of the main characteristics are:-

- 16% of Wards are in the highest 10% in England.
- 55% of Wards are in the highest 20% in England.
- 80% of Wards are in the highest 30% in England.
- Only one Ward is not in the highest 50% in England.

Table 8

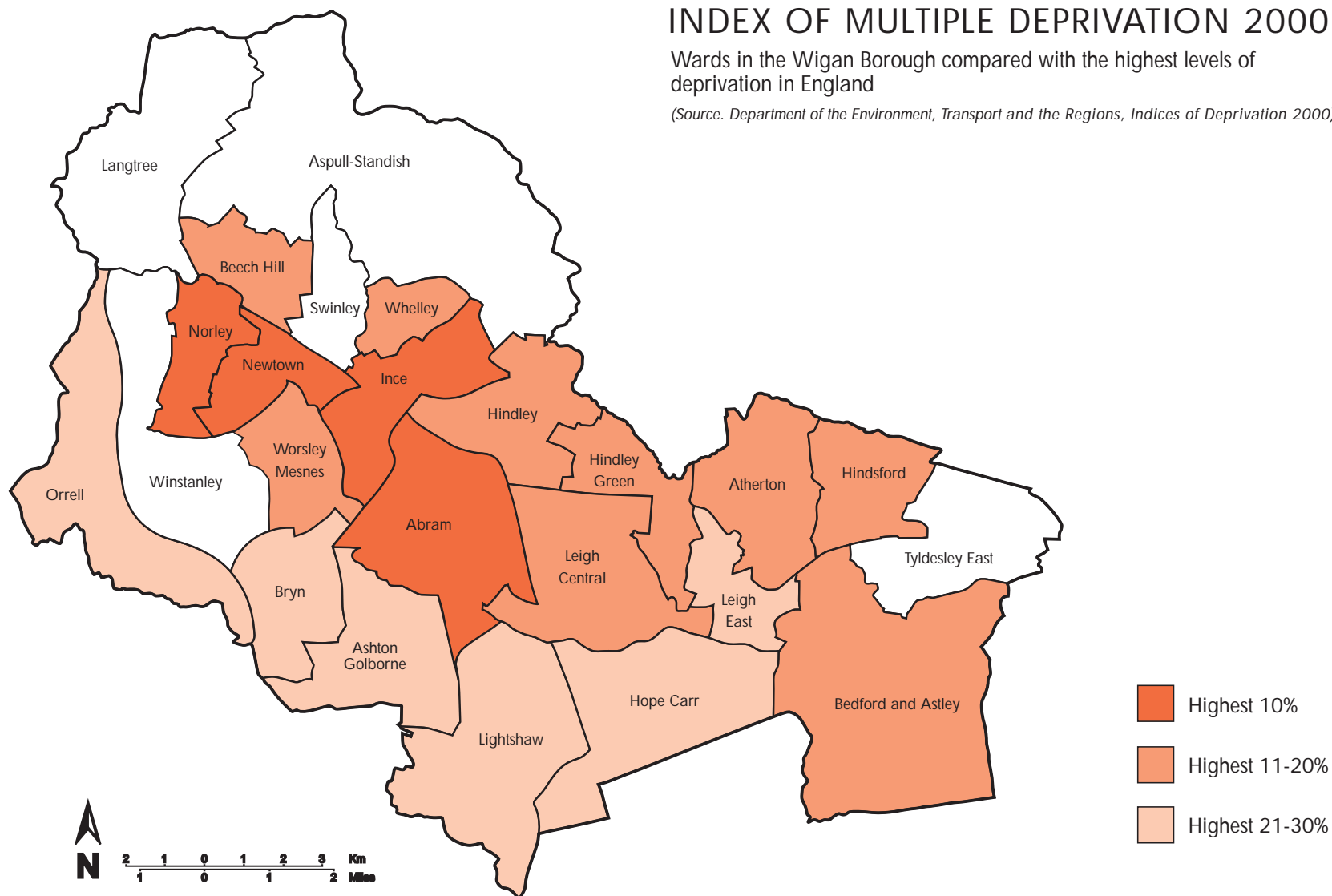
Wigan Rank	Ward Name	IMD 2000 Score	IMD 2000 Rank *	% Range in England
1	Norley	64.71	172	1 to 10
2	Ince	56.64	345	1 to 10
3	Newtown	52.01	498	1 to 10
4	Abram	47.36	676	1 to 10
5	Leigh Central	44.12	872	11 to 20
6	Atherton	43.11	925	11 to 20
7	Whelley	38.63	1224	11 to 20
8	Hindley	38.38	1236	11 to 20
9	Beech Hill	35.98	1420	11 to 20
10	Worsley Mesnes	35.62	1440	11 to 20
11	Hindsford	34.39	1548	11 to 20
12	Bedford-Astley	34.35	1553	11 to 20
13	Hindley Green	32.94	1678	11 to 20
14	Leigh East	32.22	1756	21 to 30
15	Ashton-Golborne	30.56	1917	21 to 30
16	Hope Carr	28.79	2150	21 to 30
17	Bryn	26.98	2353	21 to 30
18	Lightshaw	26.82	2374	21 to 30
19	Orrell	26.06	2498	21 to 30
20	Swinley	23.12	2982	31 to 40
21	Winstanley	22.59	3067	31 to 40
22	Aspull-Standish	21.76	3229	31 to 40
23	Tyldesley East	19.37	3685	41 to 50
24	Langtree	15.13	4692	51 to 60

* Rank in England: **1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived**

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Wards in the Wigan Borough compared with the highest levels of deprivation in England

(Source: Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Indices of Deprivation 2000)



4. Indices at District Level

While the IMD was intended as a Ward level Index it has also been used to construct a series of Indices at District level in England. The six District level presentations are:-

- Employment Scale
- Income Scale
- Average of Ward Scores
- Average of Ward Ranks
- Extent
- Local Concentration

The six district level summaries provide a score and rank for each of the 354 Districts in England, with a rank of 1 being the most deprived and 354 the least deprived, for each measure. These measures are designed to reflect the different patterns of deprivation in different types of area. There is not one set of rankings - there are six - and no particular index is regarded as more important than any other. It is important to make use of all of the rankings when forming a view about where the most deprived areas are located.

Table 9

Local Authority	Scale	Score	Rank* in England	% Range in England
Wigan	Employment	27768	9	1 to 10
Wigan	Income	75226	30	1 to 10
Wigan	Average of Ward Scores	33.64	63	11 to 20
Wigan	Rank of Average of Ward Scores	6479.72	57	11 to 20
Wigan	Extent	14.52	85	21 to 30
Wigan	Local Concentration	8076.51	66	11 to 20

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 354 = least deprived

4.1 Employment Scale

Employment Scale is the number of people who are Employment deprived.

This measure is designed to give an indication of the sheer numbers of people experiencing Employment deprivation at district level. The Employment Scale score is a count of individuals experiencing employment deprivation. It is regarded as useful to present the measure as it is a real count of the individuals experiencing this deprivation.

For Wigan Borough the Employment Scale Score is 27768 with a rank of 9 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 3% of Districts in England). Because this index is based on total numbers, the highest ranked Authorities are the large cities - Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Bradford, Wirral, Sunderland, Wigan, Newcastle, Wakefield, Doncaster, Bristol, Nottingham, Hull - in that order.

4.2 Income Scale

Income Scale is the number of people who are Income deprived.

This measure is designed to give an indication of the sheer numbers of people experiencing Income deprivation at district level. The Income Scale score is a count of individuals experiencing income deprivation. It is regarded as useful to present the measure as it is a real count of the individuals experiencing this deprivation.

For Wigan Borough the Income Scale Score is 75226 with a rank of 30 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 9% of Districts in England). Once again, because this is a measure of gross numbers, the highest ranked Authorities are the large cities and Inner London Boroughs.

4.3 Average of Ward Scores

Population weighted average of the combined scores for the Wards in a district

This measure also describes the district as a whole, taking into account the full range of Ward scores across a district. The advantage of the Average of Ward Score measure is that it describes the Wards by retaining the fact that the more deprived Wards may have more 'extreme' scores, which is not revealed to the same extent if the ranks are used. This measure is calculated

by averaging the Ward scores in each district after they have been population weighted.

For Wigan Borough the Income Score is 33.64 with a rank of 63 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 18% of Districts in England). The highest ranked authorities comprise a mixture of Inner London, Metropolitan and older industrial County Districts.

4.4 Average of Ward Ranks

This is a population weighted average of the combined ranks for the Wards in a District.

This measure is useful because it summarises the district taken as a whole, including both deprived and less deprived Wards. All the Wards in a district need to be included to obtain such an average, as that each Ward contributes to the character of that district. This measure is calculated by averaging all of the Ward ranks in each district. The Ward ranks are first of all population weighted within a district to take account of the fact that ward size can vary significantly in that district. For the purposes of calculating this score the wards were ranked with the most deprived ward given the rank of 8414.

For Wigan Borough the Average of Ward Ranks Score is 6479.72 with a rank of 57 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 17% of Districts in England). The ranking pattern is similar to that for the average of Ward Scores.

4.5 Extent

This is the proportion of a district's population living in the Wards which rank within the most deprived 10% of Wards in the country.

The aim of this measure is to portray how widespread high levels of deprivation are in a district. It is the proportion of a district's population living in the Wards which rank within the most deprived 10% of Wards in England. It only includes Districts which contain Wards which fall within the top ten percent of the most deprived Wards in England. Therefore some districts will not have an overall score for this measure.

For Wigan Borough the Extent Score is 14.52 with a rank of 85 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 25% of Districts in England).

The ranking pattern for this index includes a rather larger number of County Districts in the higher placings.

4.6 Local Concentration

Local Concentration is the population weighted average of the ranks of a district's most deprived Wards that contain exactly 10% of the district's population.

Local Concentration (formerly 'Intensity') is an important way of identifying districts' 'hot spots' of deprivation. The Local Concentration measure defines the 'hot spots' by reference to a percentage of the district's population. This is the mean of the population weighted rank of a district's most deprived Wards that capture exactly 10% of the district's population. In many cases this was not always a whole number of Wards. For the purposes of calculating this score the Wards were ranked with the most deprived Ward given the rank of 8414.

For Wigan Borough the Local Concentration Score is 8076.51 with a rank of 66 out of 354 (i.e. the Borough is within the highest 19% of Districts in England). The ranking pattern is again similar to those above.

5. Future Issues

The Government has decided to use the new indices rather than the old Index of Local Deprivation. In doing so it has stressed that "it is important to make use of all of the rankings when forming a view about where the most deprived areas are located". The new Indices will be the main but not the only basis for allocating resources to deprived areas. This will not rule out the possibility of other areas being offered regeneration assistance. The Government proposes to set up three-year transitional arrangements to ensure that no authority that would have benefited under the old Index will lose out. One of the first indications of how this will affect government policy will be in autumn 2000 when the allocation of resources for the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal will be announced.

The new indices will also continue to be reviewed as better local information becomes available as a result of work flowing from the Government's Social Exclusion Unit Policy Action Team report "Better Information", which was published in April 2000. It is therefore anticipated that the Indices will be updated on a regular basis.

At a local level there are clearly many implications of the Indices which will need to be investigated in terms of strategy development and the provision of services. This is an important piece of new information which needs to be considered in whole or in part by all Panels and Partnerships as well as being made available to many other organisations with an interest in the Borough.

**Appendix – Ward Profiles,
Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000**

Table A1 – Abram Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	6	30.31	13321	1 to 20
Employment	4	22.50	519	1 to 10
Health and Disability	5	1.77	246	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	2	1.09	968	11 to 20
Housing	4	0.62	2032	21 to 30
Geographical Access to Services	16	-0.45	5727	61 to 70
Child Poverty	5	47.34	1179	11 to 20
Index of Multiple Deprivation	4	47.36	676	1 to 10

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A3 – Aspull-Standish Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	20	16.8	63835	41 to 50
Employment	22	12.37	2316	21 to 30
Health and Disability	22	0.85	1523	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	21	-0.56	6152	71 to 80
Housing	21	-0.55	6091	71 to 80
Geographical Access to Services	1	0.38	2645	31 to 40
Child Poverty	21	18.39	5035	51 to 60
Index of Multiple Deprivation	22	21.76	3229	31 to 40

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

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Table A2 – Ashton-Golborne

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	15	21.78	2619	31 to 40
Employment	16	15.83	1424	11 to 20
Health and Disability	16	1.20	847	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	15	0.20	3365	31 to 40
Housing	9	0.30	3071	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	10	-0.25	4883	51 to 60
Child Poverty	17	27.35	3385	41 to 50
Index of Multiple Deprivation	15	30.56	1917	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A4 – Atherton Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	4	32.68	1081	11 to 20
Employment	7	20.33	727	1 to 10
Health and Disability	4	1.78	238	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	9	0.52	2337	21 to 30
Housing	6	0.40	2742	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	21	-0.65	6533	71 to 80
Child Poverty	2	52.78	791	1 to 10
Index of Multiple Deprivation	64	3.11	925	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A5 – Bedford-Astley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	12	25.56	1962	21 to 30
Employment	11	17.32	1146	11 to 20
Health and Disability	12	1.34	653	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	13	0.37	2833	31 to 40
Housing	19	-0.21	4937	51 to 60
Geographical Access to Services	5	0.09	3467	41 to 50
Child Poverty	10	38.80	1948	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	12	34.35	1553	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A6 – Beech Hill Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	9	27.28	1701	21 to 30
Employment	10	18.08	1029	11 to 20
Health and Disability	13	1.28	740	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	11	0.40	2734	31 to 40
Housing	7	0.32	2995	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	8	-0.17	4480	51 to 60
Child Poverty	7	40.47	1798	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	9	35.98	1420	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A7 – Bryn Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	17	20.80	2813	31 to 40
Employment	17	15.68	1462	11 to 20
Health and Disability	15	1.22	821	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	20	-0.54	6086	71 to 80
Housing	18	-0.19	4852	51 to 60
Geographical Access to Services	12	-0.3	15151	61 to 70
Child Poverty	16	29.21	3100	31 to 40
Index of Multiple Deprivation	17	26.98	2353	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A8 – Hindley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	8	27.39	1690	21 to 30
Employment	8	18.79	918	11 to 20
Health and Disability	8	1.58	391	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	10	0.48	2464	21 to 30
Housing	11	0.25	3269	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	11	-0.26	4902	51 to 60
Child Poverty	8	39.88	184	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	8	38.38	1236	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A9 – Hindley Green Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in in England*	% Range in England
Income	16	21.24	2719	31 to 40
Employment	13	16.49	1294	11 to 20
Health and Disability	10	1.40	584	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	6	0.56	2200	21 to 30
Housing	13	0.18	3510	41 to 50
Geographical Access to Services	13	-0.32	5190	61 to 70
Child Poverty	15	31.66	2741	31 to 40
Index of Multiple Deprivation	13	32.94	1678	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A11 – Hope Carr Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in in England*	% Range in England
Income	14	22.56	2469	21 to 30
Employment	1915	.09	1606	11 to 20
Health and Disability	18	1.11	1007	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	18	-0.13	4591	51 to 60
Housing	15	0.01	4120	41 to 50
Geographical Access to Services	4	0.10	3445	41 to 50
Child Poverty	14	33.66	2534	31 to 40
Index of Multiple Deprivation	6	28.79	2150	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A10 – Hindsford Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in in England*	% Range in England
Income	10	26.36	1838	21 to 30
Employment	14	16.15	1354	11 to 20
Health and Disability	11	1.39	590	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	8	0.55	2232	21 to 30
Housing	8	0.31	3012	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	24	-0.85	7159	81 to 90
Child Poverty	9	39.57	1876	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	11	34.39	1548	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A12 – Ince Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in in England*	% Range in England
Income	2	37.64	668	1 to 10
Employment	2	27.48	199	1 to 10
Health and Disability	1	2.18	83	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	4	0.90	1333	11 to 20
Housing	2	0.74	1693	21 to 30
Geographical Access to Services	15	-0.38	5420	61 to 70
Child Poverty	4	50.23	977	11 to 20
Index of Multiple Deprivation	2	56.64	345	1 to 10

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A13 – Langtree Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	24	12.05	5557	61 to 70
Employment	24	10.15	3209	31 to 40
Health and Disability	24	0.47	2549	31 to 40
Education, Skills and Training	24	-0.80	6838	81 to 90
Housing	24	-0.81	6840	81 to 90
Geographical Access to Services	3	0.17	3227	31 to 40
Child Poverty	24	13.46	6233	71 to 80
Index of Multiple Deprivation	24	15.13	4692	51 to 60

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A14 – Leigh Central Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	5	30.39	1322	11 to 20
Employment	6	20.34	726	1 to 10
Health and Disability	7	1.66	331	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	5	0.78	1610	11 to 20
Housing	5	0.61	2049	21 to 30
Geographical Access to Services	7	-0.09	4148	41 to 50
Child Poverty	6	44.25	1451	11 to 20
Index of Multiple Deprivation	5	44.12	872	11 to 20

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A15 – Leigh East Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	13	24.81	2073	21 to 30
Employment	18	15.43	1517	11 to 20
Health and Disability	14	1.24	782	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	7	0.56	2223	21 to 30
Housing	10	0.25	3247	31 to 40
Geographical Access to Services	23	-0.76	6874	81 to 90
Child Poverty	123	5.9	2285	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	14	32.22	1756	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A16 – Lightshaw Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	18	19.54	3116	31 to 40
Employment	20	14.00	1851	21 to 30
Health and Disability	19	1.01	1189	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	14	0.36	2850	31 to 40
Housing	16	-0.01	4206	41 to 50
Geographical Access to Services	14	-0.34	5251	61 to 70
Child Poverty	18	26.71	3486	41 to 50
Index of Multiple Deprivation	18	26.82	2374	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A17 – Newtown Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	3	36.57	740	1 to 10
Employment	3	24.91	339	1 to 10
Health and Disability	3	1.85	194	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	3	0.90	1323	11 to 20
Housing	3	0.68	1873	21 to 30
Geographical Access to Services	17	-0.50	5931	71 to 80
Child Poverty	3	50.54	950	11 to 20
Index of Multiple Deprivation	3	52.01	498	1 to 10

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A19 – Orrell Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	19	17.57	3630	41 to 50
Employment	15	15.88	1414	11 to 20
Health and Disability	17	1.16	900	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	22	-0.58	6225	71 to 80
Housing	22	-0.65	6409	71 to 80
Geographical Access to Services	2	0.29	2873	31 to 40
Child Poverty	20	18.54	5006	51 to 60
Index of Multiple Deprivation	19	26.06	2498	21 to 30

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A18 – Norley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	1	45.74	257	1 to 10
Employment	1	29.46	126	1 to 10
Health and Disability	2	2.13	95	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	1	1.31	608	1 to 10
Housing	1	0.87	1388	11 to 20
Geographical Access to Services	22	-0.67	6575	71 to 80
Child Poverty	1	63.85	285	1 to 10
Index of Multiple Deprivation	1	64.71	172	1 to 10

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A20 – Swinley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	21	16.50	3957	41 to 50
Employment	12	16.71	1267	11 to 20
Health and Disability	20	0.96	1306	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	23	-0.65	6408	71 to 80
Housing	23	-0.71	6570	71 to 80
Geographical Access to Services	19	-0.56	6185	71 to 80
Child Poverty	22	17.41	5260	61 to 70
Index of Multiple Deprivation	20	23.12	2982	31 to 40

* Wigan Rank: 1 = most deprived; 24 = least deprived

* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A21 – Tyldesley East Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	22	16.36	3990	41 to 50
Employment	23	10.47	3066	31 to 40
Health and Disability	23	0.74	1806	21 to 30
Education, Skills and Training	19	-0.33	5338	61 to 70
Housing	20	-0.38	5549	61 to 70
Geographical Access to Services	6	0.03	3711	41 to 50
Child Poverty	19	23.12	4088	41 to 50
Index of Multiple Deprivation	23	19.37	3685	41 to 50

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* Rank in England: 1 = most deprived; 8414 = least deprived

Table A22 – Whelley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	7	27.61	1668	11 to 20
Employment	5	21.87	583	1 to 10
Health and Disability	6	1.71	295	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	17	-0.07	4388	51 to 60
Housing	14	0.09	38184	1 to 50
Geographical Access to Services	20	-0.58	6255	71 to 80
Child Poverty	13	35.41	2339	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	7	38.63	1224	11 to 20

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Table A23 – Winstanley Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	23	14.00	4775	51 to 60
Employment	21	12.84	2172	21 to 30
Health and Disability	21	0.93	1350	11 to 20
Education, Skills and Training	16	0.20	3391	41 to 50
Housing	17	-0.13	4651	51 to 60
Geographical Access to Services	9	-0.21	4712	51 to 60
Child Poverty	23	16.39	5514	61 to 70
Index of Multiple Deprivation	21	22.59	3067	31 to 40

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Table A24 – Worsley Mesnes Ward

Deprivation Domain	Wigan Rank	Domain Score	Rank of Domain in England*	% Range in England
Income	11	25.99	1890	21 to 30
Employment	9	18.48	959	11 to 20
Health and Disability	9	1.44	528	1 to 10
Education, Skills and Training	12	0.37	2821	31 to 40
Housing	12	0.19	3455	41 to 50
Geographical Access to Services	18	-0.56	6183	71 to 80
Child Poverty	11	36.55	2203	21 to 30
Index of Multiple Deprivation	10	35.62	1440	11 to 20

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The Aim of Wigan's Action Against Poverty Strategy is to:-

“ Improve the quality of life of all residents who are disadvantaged through a lack of adequate resources “

This aim will be achieved by co-ordinating activities between the Local Authority, voluntary and community organisations and other public and private sector bodies to meet the following objectives:-

- Increase income levels of individuals, families and communities through benefit take-up campaigns, promoting discount or rebate schemes and advice services.
- Improve the physical and emotional well being of individuals and families and the quality of the environment in which they live through joint planning involving all agencies.
- Enable people to find suitable, affordable accommodation.
- Ensure that the community are actively engaged in their own development through partnership between the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector.
- Provide opportunities for disadvantaged individuals, families and communities to improve their quality of life.
- Agree a common definition of poverty and understand and map the incidence of poverty in our Borough.
- Ensure that high quality services are accessible and meet the needs of residents experiencing poverty.

Key Principles

There are five guiding principles which underpin Wigan's Action Against Poverty Strategy; annual action plans and our activities will ensure these principles remain the cornerstone of the strategy.

- The promotion of equal opportunities to ensure that individuals are equally able to enjoy activities and services provided by all public, private or voluntary bodies. To ensure that individuals and communities, can take an equal part in the decision making process through the establishment of community forums.

- Consultation with all interested parties to ensure this policy remains responsive to the changing needs of our residents, and develop a sense of ownership for the strategy.
- Co-operation with all individuals, agencies, and community groups who are striving to improve the quality of life of residents who are disadvantaged.
- The monitoring and reviewing of services provided and access to them. This applies to Wigan MBC services, and the services provided by all agencies who endorse the aim and objectives of the strategy.
- The promotion of the aims and objectives of the strategy with all residents, agencies and businesses in the Borough, and gaining their support.

Strategy in Action

We are committed to developing the strategy into action through consultation with our partners and the wider community. The action plans will be guided by the seven key objectives and five principles.

Objectives will be closely monitored and the plans will be targeted in those areas where greatest improvement will be seen.

The Action Plan comprises the following areas:-

- Raising income levels
- Promoting Benefit Take Up
- Co-ordination of Advice Provision
- Raising awareness of poverty and the strategy
- Mapping poverty in the Borough



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