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## THE HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

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**Wednesday, 9th December, 2015**  
**10.30 am**  
**Ashburton Hall, Elizabeth II Court (Podium)**  
**Hampshire County Council**

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### **A G E N D A**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Announcements - Councillor Roy Perry, Leader of Hampshire County Council</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Devolution Update</b> (Pages 3 - 26) James Strachan, Hampshire County Council's Assistant Director of Research & Resources will give a presentation on progress with a Devolution deal for Hampshire.
<b>3</b>	<b>Winter Preparations: Improving Hampshire's flood resilience</b> (Pages 27 - 36) Stuart Jarvis, Hampshire County Council's Director of Economy, Transport and Environment will give a presentation about preparations by Hampshire Highways and local communities to improve flood resilience together with an update on work being undertaken to minimise flood risk and how the new catchment- based approach to flood risk is helping to address the complex nature of flooding in Hampshire and overcome some of the challenges associated with the national funding formula.
<b>4</b>	<b>The Hampshire Response to the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme (SVPRP)</b> (Pages 37 - 52) Ian Hoults, Hampshire County Council's Head of Emergency Planning will give a presentation on the work undertaken in Hampshire to date in response to the Government's resettlement programme for Syrian vulnerable persons.
<b>5</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Closing remarks - Councillor Roy Perry</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Future meetings of The Hampshire Partnership</b>

Tuesday 12 April (replaces the meeting previously scheduled for 29 February)

Tuesday 19 July 2016

Thursday 10 November 2016

All meetings will commence at 10.30am in the Ashburton Hall, Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester



# OUR VISION

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Ambitious and independent local people and businesses shaping their own future in globally competitive cities, prosperous towns, sustainable villages and productive countryside



# THE HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

Devolution briefing  
9th December 2015




Agenda Item 2



# CONTEXT



 SECURITY. STABILITY.  
OPPORTUNITY.

# PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT 'DEALS' WITH HIOW



**City Deal 2013**

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**Growth Deals 2014**



**Devolution Deal 2015?**



# Hampshire County Council

D1.1/pf/0268

24 June 2015

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Dear Greg

I am pleased to tell you that The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIOWLGA) unanimously agreed at its meeting on the 19 June to support a proposal for a Hampshire-wide Combined Authority covering the County Council, the 11 Districts and the three Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton, and the Isle of Wight as the basis for developing a devolution deal for this area. Whilst we are predominantly Conservative Councils this had support from the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent Council Leaders who were all present or represented. Our intention would be that the two Local Enterprise Partnerships (Solent and M3) for the area will form integral parts of the arrangements.

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31 July 2015



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Dear Greg

### **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Devolution – Statement of Intent**

We are pleased to submit the attached Statement of Intent outlining our proposals for a devolution deal for Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton that would see all 15 local authorities working with our two Local Enterprise Partnerships and the private sector to deliver economic growth. Transformational change lies at the heart of our approach; we hope you will agree that our proposals are bold and ambitious and that Hampshire and Isle of Wight is a credible and sustainable partner with whom Government can do business.





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4 September 2015

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Dear Chancellor

I am pleased to present to you on behalf of all the signatories, the devolution bid for a Combined Authority for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

You will see from the document this bid has the unanimous backing of all the local authorities and the two LEPs that cover the geographic counties of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight plus the two National Parks.



A Prospectus  
for discussion with  
Government

# DEVOLUTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

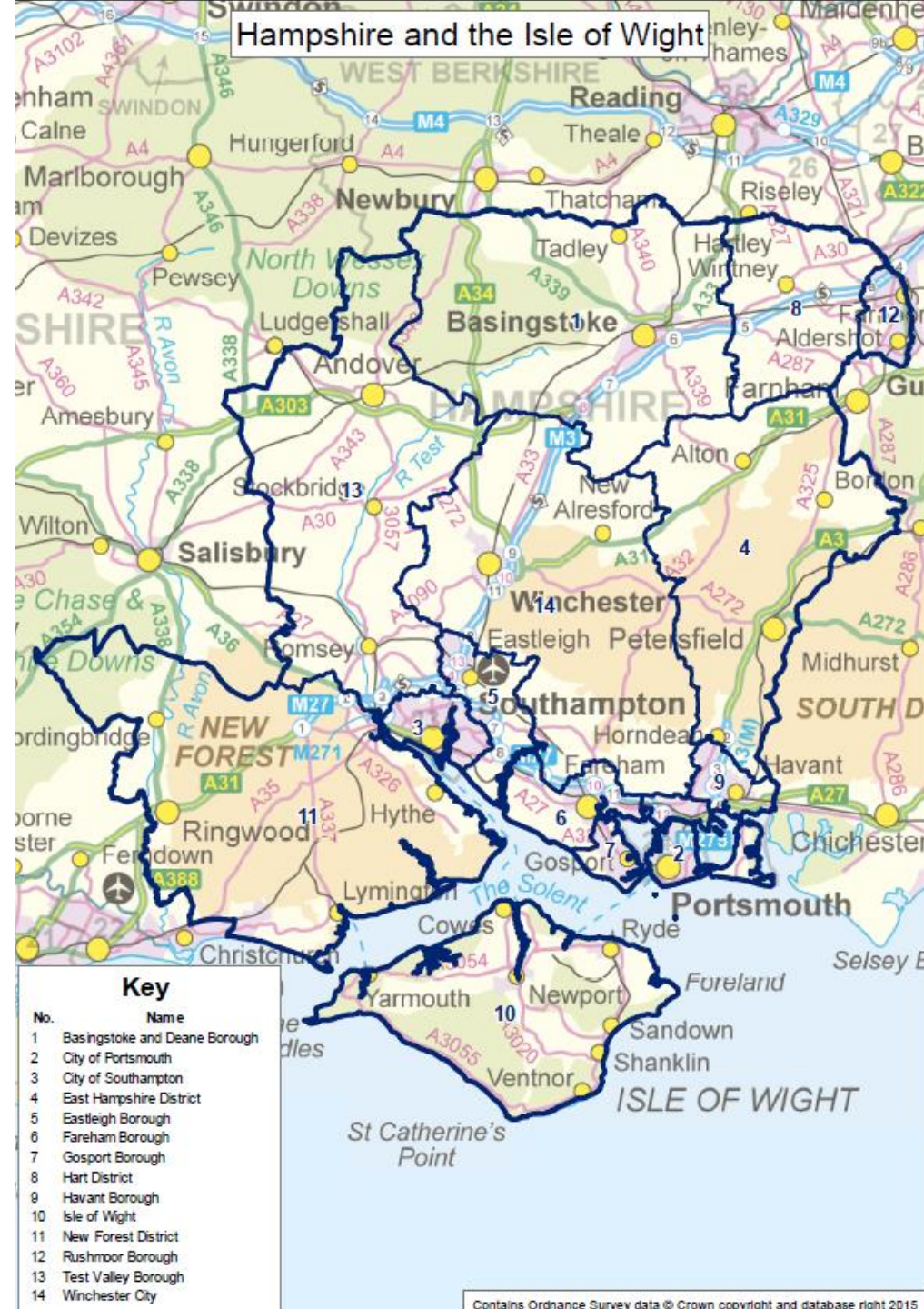
September 2015

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**72 DAYS!**

# GEOGRAPHY

- One county
  - One island
  - Two cities
  - Two LEPs
  - Two National Parks
  - Eleven districts
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- 19 partners
  - 2m residents
  - 80,000 businesses
  - £47bn economy





**Hampshire and the Isle of Wight: Gateway to the global economy**

**Five major airports in the area**

**London 40-90 minutes**

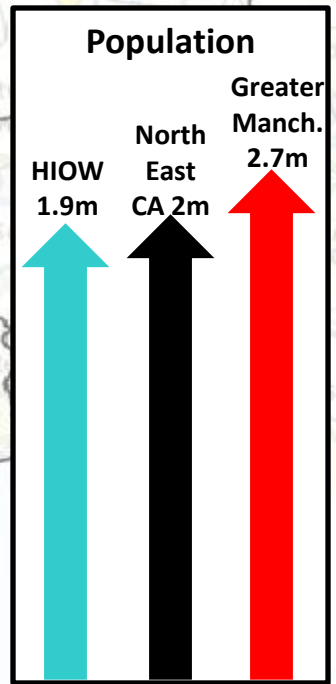


**World-class environment supporting the economy**

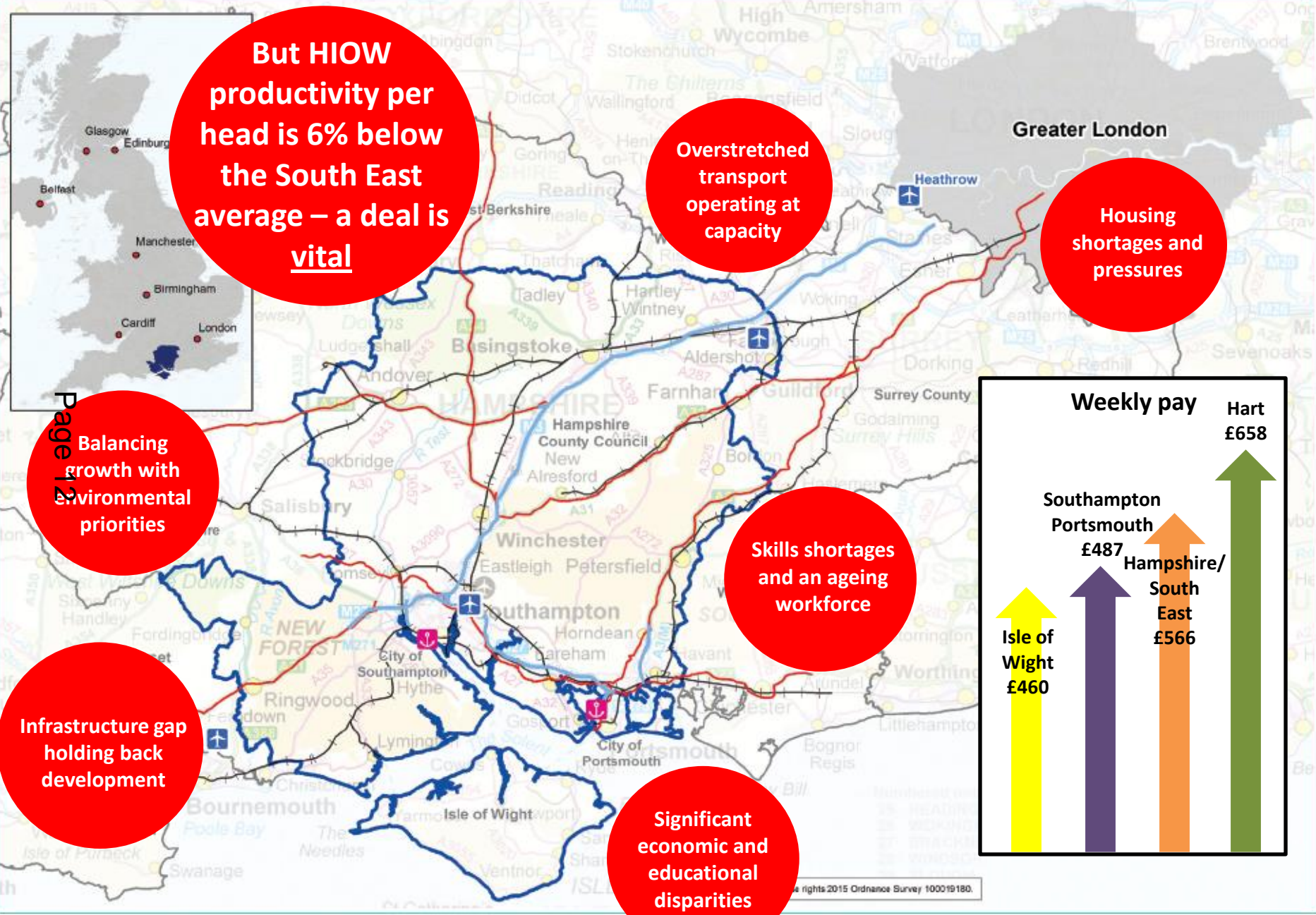
**Four leading Universities**

**80,000 businesses**  
**Major sectors incl: Aerospace, Marine, Technology, Pharma, Finance**

**Globally significant deep water ports**

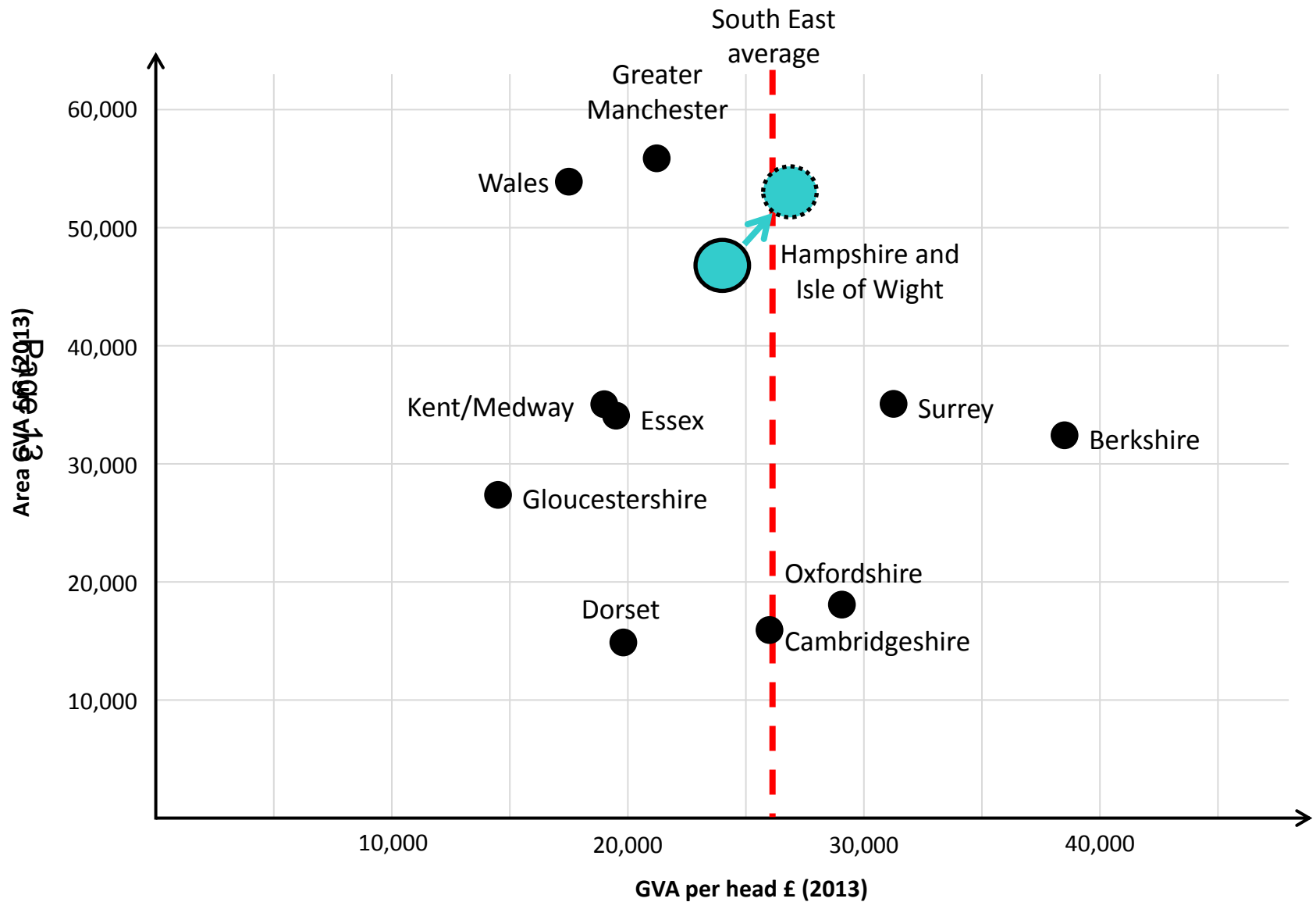






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# THE SCALE OF THE HIOW OPPORTUNITY SETS US APART



# THE HIOW OPPORTUNITY

**Raise productivity to South East average:  
a £3bn boost to UK plc**

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# FINANCE

**Implement 100% business rates retention from 2017 in Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

“Today I am embarking on the biggest transfer of power to our local government in living memory. We’re going to allow local government to keep the rates they collect from business. That’s right, all £26bn of business rates will be kept by councils instead of being sent up to Whitehall.”

**George Osborne**

5 October 2015





# HOUSING

**Earlier delivery of 76,000 homes -  
and 4,000 more in priority categories**





# INFRASTRUCTURE

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**10-year certainty over infrastructure funding**





# **BUSINESS, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT**

**Integrated business  
support, skills, training and  
welfare systems to support  
growth**

# PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSFORMATION



Improving wellbeing through accelerated health and care integration



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Improve public health outcomes



Improving outcomes for children through a single adoption agency

Percentage of the population aged 65+



ONS sub-national population projections



# DEEPER DEVOLUTION

Spreading the benefits and bringing services closer to the customer



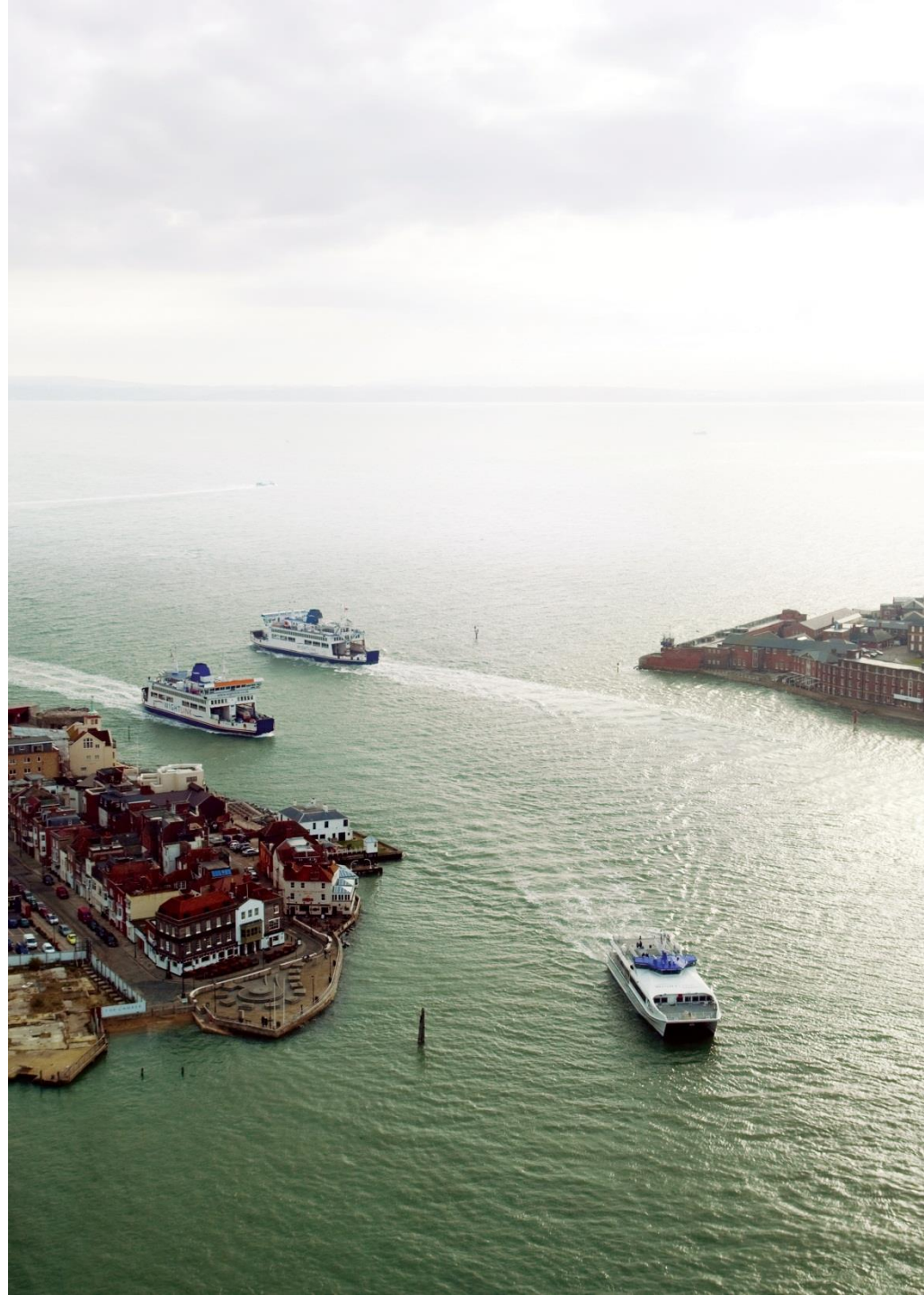


# GOVERNANCE

**Commitment to a full review  
looking at all options**

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**(Directly-elected mayor will not be  
recommended by HIOW)**



# SUMMARY OF OUR OFFER

**To increase our productivity by £3bn, we will:**

Give up Revenue Support Grant and other grants to the value of 100% of business rates; implement a local distribution mechanism

Deliver 80,000 new homes by 2024, including thousands of low-cost starter homes, and release our own land

Invest in transport infrastructure and integrated management of transport networks

Attract business by protecting the local character of our diverse area

Co-ordinate skills and business support provision locally to narrow the skills gap and help businesses start up and innovate

Conduct a full governance review; deliver better, more efficient services, closer to the point of delivery through deeper devolution

**To deliver this we need the Government to:**

Agree our model for 100% business rates retention at Combined Authority level from 2017, with freedom from resets, tariffs/top-ups etc

Guarantee infrastructure funding to our CA, support our Housing Delivery Fund, release Government land and continue improving the planning system

Commit 10-year transport funding to our CA, agree a PTE and localise concessionary fares

Strengthen new development with a green infrastructure plan and rural RTB exemption for our CA

Devolve adult skills and business support funding to our LEPs + joint commissioning with SFA; early Science and Innovation Audit to identify sector specialisms

Establish a Combined Authority in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and develop our deal further in future to give us more autonomy in public service delivery



a lightness of touch but  
I know was enjoyed -  
about the opposition for  
Hampshire and your neighbours,  
- it illustrates perfectly  
the fact that revolution is  
for the whole country, not  
just for northern cities.

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I look forward to  
seeing you in Winchester  
shortly.

With warm regards,



Dear Roy

9 October



Thank you so much for  
your excellent speech in  
my session at Party Conference.  
It was very good of you  
to agree to speak and it  
went down very well  
indeed. You spoke clearly  
and directly - and with

**The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP**

Member of Parliament for Tunbridge Wells

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

# WE HAVE STRONG SUPPORT FROM OUR MPs



“The creation of the APPG will help Parliamentarians in our area work more closely together for all the constituents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which will see greater services, and greater powers being devolved.

“This APPG will provide a stronger voice for the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as we seek plans to devolve powers to local government, to get the strongest public services and the best deals on planning and infrastructure.”

**Ranil Jayawardena MP, Chair of Hampshire and Isle of Wight All-Party Parliamentary Group**

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Hampshire and Isle of Wight MPs at devolution briefings held in October

A Parliamentary Reception is scheduled on 14<sup>th</sup> December







# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION







# Winter Preparations: Improving Hampshire's flood resilience

Stuart Jarvis,  
Director Economy, Transport and  
Environment

9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

# Winter weather

Wind?  
Snow?  
Rain?



Need to be prepared for all of the above and apply learning from past extreme weather episodes...





## Cumbria, Nov 2009

Workington Bridge, nr Cockermouth, collapsed.

EA described the rainfall levels as “*unprecedented*” (Seathwaite Farm recorded 12.3 inches in just 24 hours)



## Cumbria, Dec 2015

Storm Desmond brings more “*unprecedented*” rainfall, leading to:

- a number of fatalities;
- around 5,000 properties damaged;
- main road and rail links closed;
- 100s of homes still without power.

PM “flood defences weren’t enough and we need to review the approach..” (7<sup>th</sup> Dec)







*“You can never completely protect all communities. What you can do is make the best judgments about the most appropriate ways to protect the maximum number of people in a given place.”* Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive, Environment Agency (Today Programme, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015)

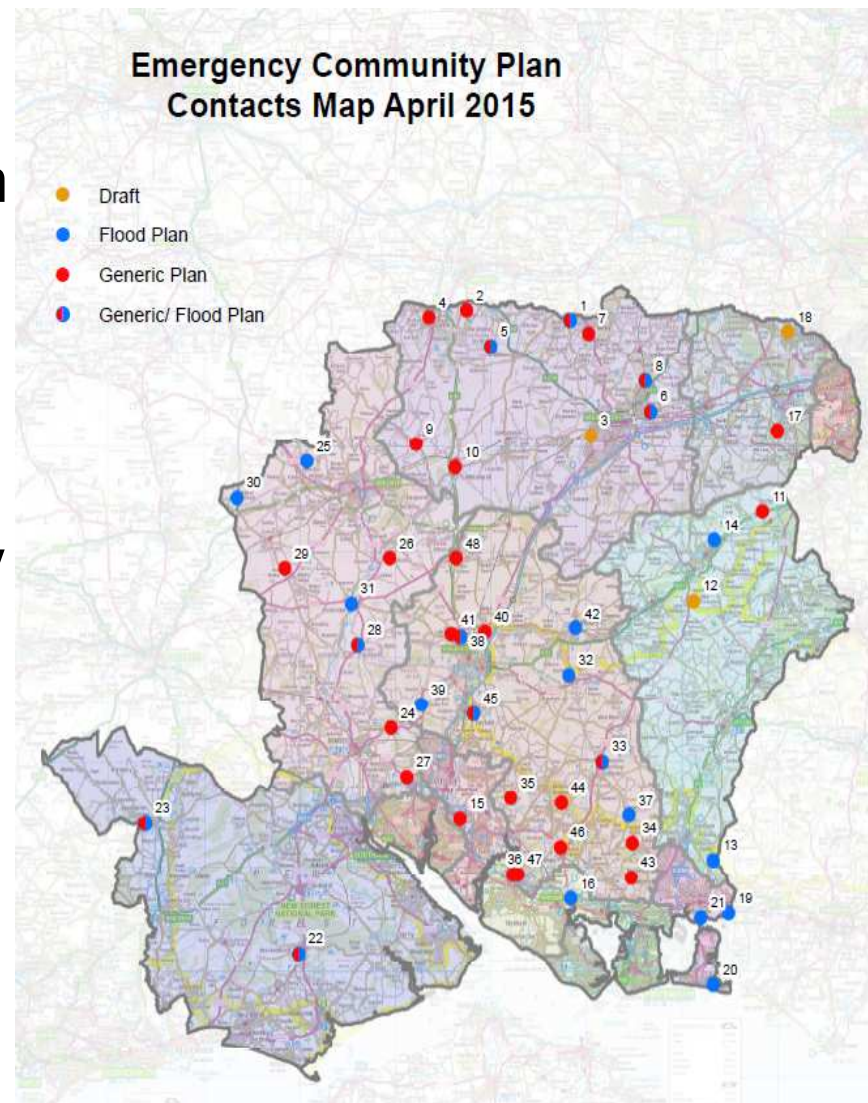
# Hampshire Highways – minimising flood risk

- Known ‘wet spots’ targeted through Summer and Autumn  
Additional ditching / grip / gully cleansing has been completed on known flooding/high risk sites (2000 gullies)
- Highway gullies routinely cleansed - with some having multiple cleanses (180,000 gullies)
- Extra emergency crews and tankers / jetters on standby when heavy rain forecast
- Empty/filled sandbag stocks replenished



# Preparations by local communities

- Flood Action Groups set up
- Emergency Community Plans in place (including flood risk reduction measures, local leads, useful contacts)
- Empower individuals to help themselves eg through Property Level Protection
- Improved maintenance of ordinary watercourses, encouraged by proactive FWM team and a more efficient enforcement process





# Increasing Flood Resilience across Hampshire

- Wide range of work underway from local community projects to major schemes (eg at Hambledon and Romsey)
- Multi agency approach respond to complex nature of flooding eg Wickham = fluvial, groundwater, and sewage infiltration)
- Six-year capital investment programme to 2021 - **indicative** funding for 12 local schemes, each subject to full business cases
- National formula for FDGiA significant challenge for Hampshire



# Increasing Flood Resilience across Hampshire

- Catchment based approach –  
Test & Itchen pilots, not restricted by administrative boundaries, but a holistic / comprehensive approach involving all partners
- Government introduced a limited ‘small schemes’ pathfinder - we are one of six areas to secure funding - £77,500 to support initial work on package of schemes in Bourne Valley, then subject to FDGiA process
- Provide evidence base on socio-economic impact (eg Portsmouth University Research on closure of A32 at Farringdon)
- Potential to resubmit to Government a groundwater pathfinder.



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# Hampshire County Council



# The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme (SVPRP)

Ian Houlton

Head of Emergency Planning &  
Resilience

# Presentation Outline

- UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme
- The Hampshire Response
- Challenges of Social Integration





# Syrian VPR Programme

- Announced by Prime Minister on 7th Sept
- Up to 20,000 people over 5 years
- Individuals and families direct from camps in Syria and border Countries
- Eligibility Criteria set
- 1000 people in first tranche before Christmas 2015



# SVPRP Process (1)

- UNHCR assess individuals against eligibility criteria
- UK Government screen those recommended
- If accepted International Organisation for Migration (IOM) undertake medical screening





# SVPRP Process (2)

- IOM send results to UK Local Authority for estimate of costs
- Eligibility confirmed - IOM starts visa application process
- UK Govt arrange Biometric Resident Permits with 5 years humanitarian protection

# Role of the Local Authority

- Govt has asked all UK Local Authorities to make an “Offer” to host a number of refugees under the Programme
- Some Local Authorities well integrated into refugee programmes, mostly large cities and mostly in the North of England. Not rural Hampshire.

# Hampshire Response

- Strong Political desire to support the Programme locally
- Learning from others
- Putting in place arrangements to make substantive “Offer”
- Taking Two families into Hampshire before Christmas 2015





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# ‘Migration in the Media’ project

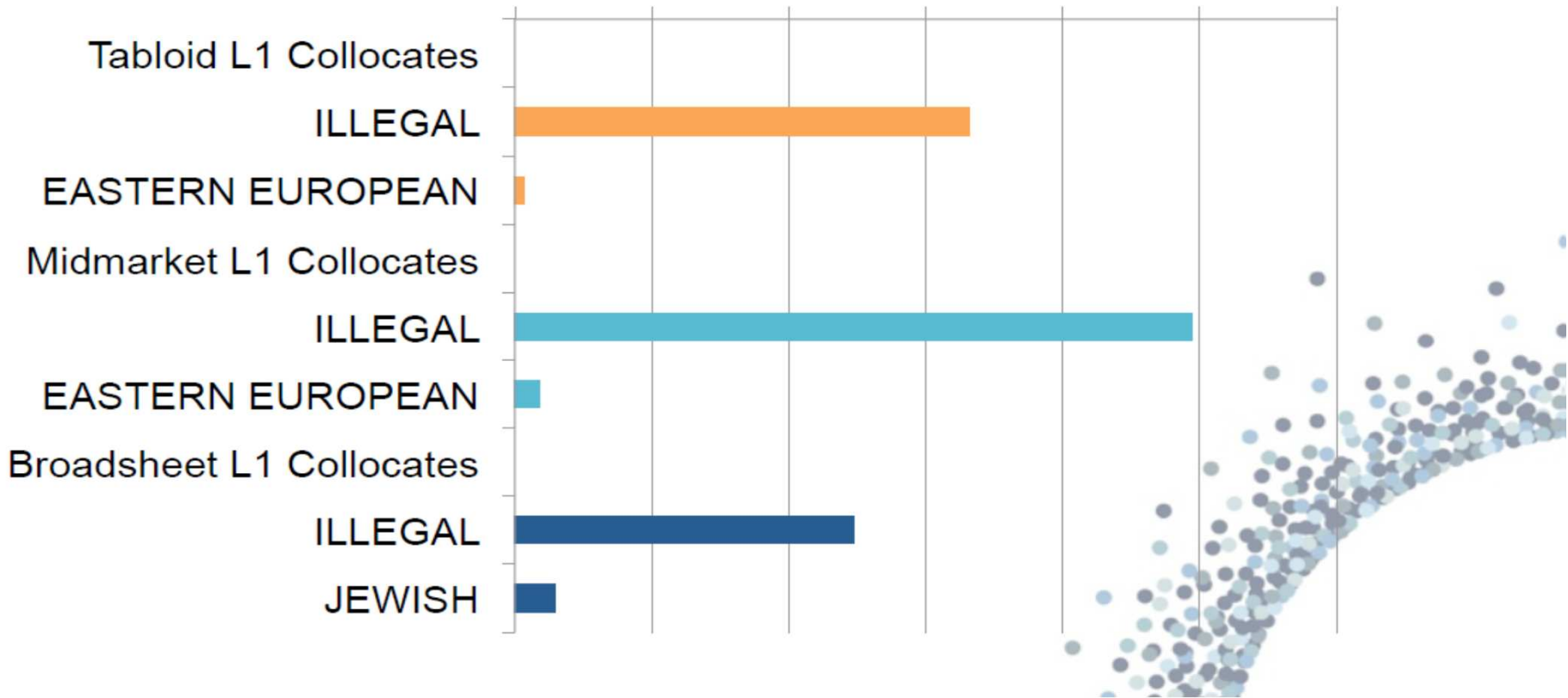
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- What language did the UK national press use to characterise immigrants, migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees from 2010 to 2012?
- Textual data of 20 newspapers (over 58,000 items and 43 million words)
- Measures “**collocates**” - **co-occurrence of words used with mentions of a target word**, and selects example sentences in the report
- Presented by Broadsheet, Mid Market and Tabloid newspapers

# Description of IMMIGRANTS: ILLEGAL

## Frequency per 1,000 Items

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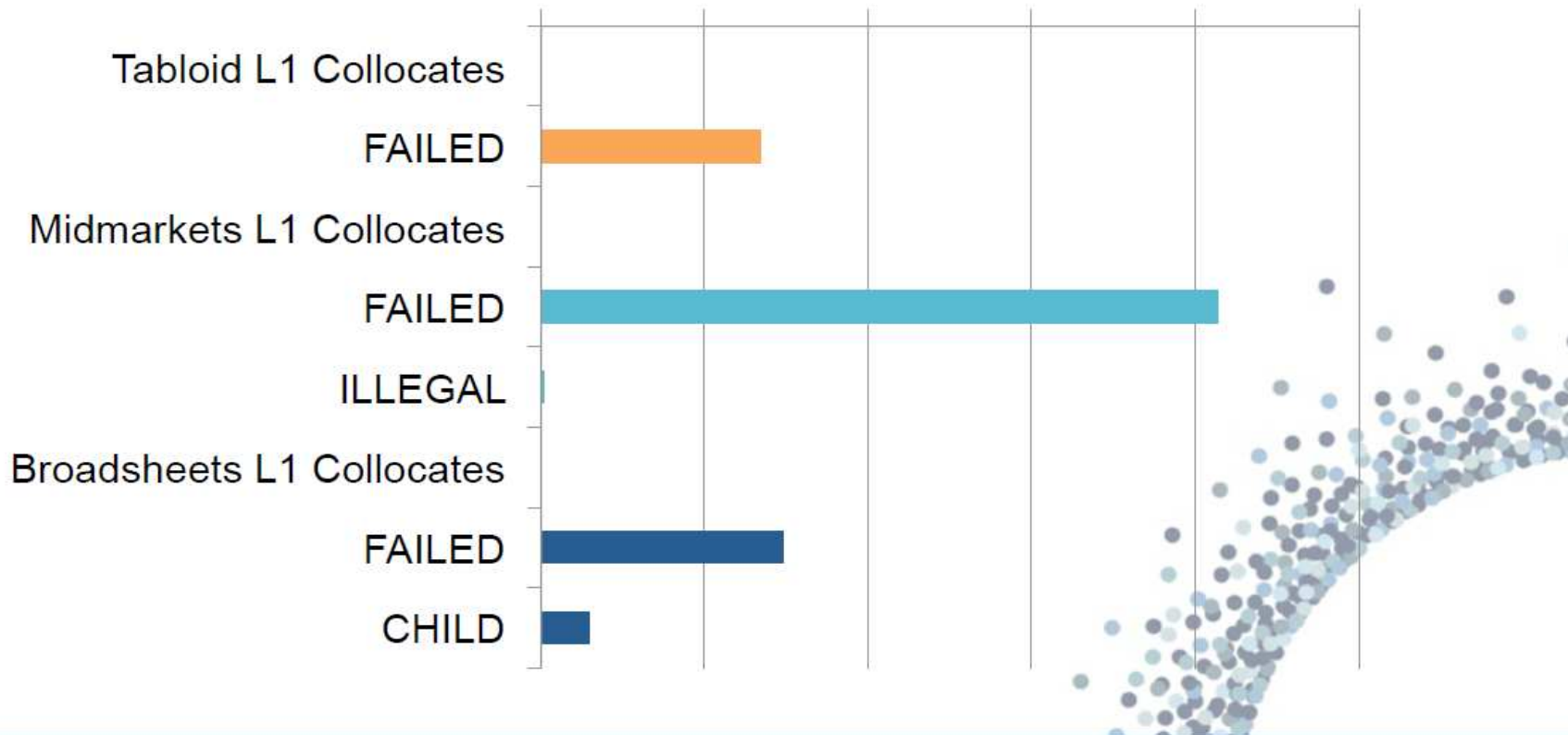


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# Description of ASYLUM SEEKERS: FAILED

Frequency Per 1,000 Items  
0.00 5.00 10.00 15.00 20.00 25.00





Migration in the Media | The  
Migration Observatory

***www.migrationobservatory.ox  
.ac.uk/projects/media***



## Some implications: Integration unfolds over time in real communities

“Real communities are bound by common experiences ... forged by friendship and conversation ... knitted together by all the rituals of the neighbourhood, from the school run to the chat down the pub. And these bonds can take time. So real integration takes time.”

David Cameron, April 2011

“integration has depended on the design and implementation of broad social policies that affect schooling, neighborhoods, housing, employment, health care, and so on. Britain has consequently relied a great deal on pinpointing, adapting and targeting mainstream policies to reach the needs of immigrants and minorities. While not a failure, this has not been done systematically, and there has been little coordination among programs.”

– Saggar and Sommerville 2012



# Integration

- We recognise will be a challenge
- We are working with all partners to ensure as far as we can that there is every opportunity for integration locally



# Questions?

