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Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 September 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Area Profile - Clydesdale
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Committee of key indicators of conditions in the Area Committee area.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted and
- (2) that the next steps identified in Section 5 be explored.

3. Background

- 3.1 This report has been produced as part of the new operating approach for Area Committees within the Council. The Administrative Services Central Research Unit (CRU) of Corporate Resources maintains a website allowing access to a wide range of information at what is called a datazone level – roughly a “neighbourhood” of around 750 people. These areas were produced by the Scottish Government and are intended to allow the maximum possible information to be available at a level which minimises the likelihood of any individual being identified. These datazones have been used to allow the data to be analysed and reported on at approximations to Council Wards and Area Committee areas.
- 3.2 The online reports produced by the system can be accessed directly through a dedicated website – <http://niptuc.seeit.co.uk> – which also includes the Policy Briefings produced by the CRU and the work being undertaken in relation to the Single Outcome Agreement in South Lanarkshire. There is also a link to this website from the Council’s own internet site.
- 3.3 Ward profiles have been placed with the Members Services’ Team and members of the team have been trained in how to operate the system to produce customised analyses. A wide range of information is held by the system and this report draws on a very small selection only, in general linked to the key cross-cutting challenges identified by the Single Outcome Agreement for South Lanarkshire – health inequalities, anti-poverty, early years and economic recovery – as well as recorded crime and population.
- 3.4 The appendix to this report also contains maps for the Committee showing the data for each datazone for each indicator and the relevant ward boundaries and numbers.

4. Key points

4.1 Recently, Clydesdale's population has grown more quickly than that in South Lanarkshire as a whole and this is expected to continue – though the population will age significantly faster than in South Lanarkshire as a whole. It is also expected to have poorer employment prospects and claimant unemployment has risen, but by less than in South Lanarkshire as a whole. Levels of poverty amongst children are higher than average, as is the rate of More Choices, More Chances groups amongst school leavers. Both health and crime rates are below the South Lanarkshire average.

4.2 Population Trends

4.2.1 Over the 2001-08 period, the population of Clydesdale has increased by 2,531 or 4.3% - this was two-thirds higher than the increase in South Lanarkshire as a whole of 2.6%. Its 2009 population is estimated at 61,497.

4.2.2 The latest **population projections** for Clydesdale indicate that the population is expected to continue to rise – and again by faster than the South Lanarkshire average. Over the 2009-14 period, its population is forecast to grow by 1,188 or 1.9% and by 2019 it will be 64,329, up 3.8% - South Lanarkshire's population is expected to rise by 3.4% over the period.

4.2.3 These overall increases hide significant population changes. Over the next 10 years, the numbers aged 65-79 are expected to grow by 19% and the numbers aged 80 and over by 52% - both above the South Lanarkshire projected rise – 15% and 32% respectively. Figure 1 in the appendix shows projected population changes in Clydesdale.

4.2.4 By 2019, 22% of Clydesdale's population will be aged over 65 compared to 17% in 2009.

4.2.5 The numbers aged under 19 are projected to rise by 2% - but within this the numbers aged under 5 would fall by 3% and the numbers aged 15-19 by 10%.

4.3 Economic Recovery

4.3.1 The latest **employment forecasts** are that employment will fall over the over the 2010 to 2018 period by -1.6%. This compares to a rise in South Lanarkshire as a whole of +0.6%. Figure 2 in the appendix shows forecast percentage changes in Total employment.

4.3.2 In terms of the **economic recession and recovery**, since January 2009, the numbers of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Clydesdale has risen by 44% (or 553) to 1,813 and a rate of 4.8%.

4.4 Early Years

4.4.1 Looking at **early years**, the latest figures show 20% of children in Clydesdale – 1,895 – were living in Out of Work families receiving Child Tax Credit. This was below the South Lanarkshire average of 22%. Of school leavers from Clydesdale 99 – 13.8% - were in the **More Choices, More Chances** category – above the South Lanarkshire average of 12% and just over a fifth of the South Lanarkshire total.

4.5 Poverty

4.5.1 In terms of poverty, a total of 9,565 children in Clydesdale lived in families receiving Child Tax Credit which represents 73% of all children in Clydesdale. Clydesdale accounted for around a fifth of all children in South Lanarkshire living in families

receiving Child Tax Credit, this is above Clydesdale's share of all South Lanarkshire children.

4.5.2 Following the discovery of an error in the data used to compile the Income Deprivation Domain in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) for 2009 the Scottish Government has published a revised version of the 2009 SIMD. They have also decided to update the Income information analysed to 2008 to bring it more into line with most of the other data in the index. South Lanarkshire now has 6 more datazones (58 in total) in the worst 15% in Scotland. After the revision one datazone in Clydesdale (Kirkmuirhill South) moved out of the worst 15% and two – Carluke East and Law North moved into the worst 15%. Overall there are now six datazones in Clydesdale in the worst 15% in Scotland.

4.6 **Health Inequalities**

4.6.1 In terms of **health inequality**, the indicator looks at the numbers claiming health related benefits per 100,000 residents. The rate is around a tenth of the South Lanarkshire average, with 7,740 claimants of health related benefits.

4.7 **Community Safety and Order**

4.7.1 There were 5,337 **recorded crimes and offences** – excluding motoring offences – in Clydesdale, giving a recorded crime rate of 882 per 10,000 residents. This was nearly a tenth lower than the South Lanarkshire average of 969 per 10,000. Clydesdale accounts for 18% of all South Lanarkshire non-motoring crimes and offences.

5. **Next Steps**

5.1 In terms of the information provided in this report members would wish to note that such information and analysis is reported through the Councils Corporate Management Team and to individual Resource contacts in order that Resources can take account of this as part of their Service and Resource Planning processes. In addition, the information is provided and accessible to our Community Planning partners such as Police, Fire and Rescue and Health. It is also used as part of profiling require for our Single Outcome Agreement.

5.2 In terms of reporting to Area Committees, it is proposed that an area profile report be provided by Corporate Resources (Administration Services) on an annual basis. In addition, specific reports will be provided or appropriate in respect of key issues related to regeneration, health, community safety and youth/early years services.

6. **Employee Implications**

6.1 No additional employee implications arise from the report.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 None.

8. **Other Implications**

8.1 None.

9. **Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

9.2 Appropriate consultations have taken place with Resources and the community planning partners.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Single Outcome Agreement 2009-10

Previous References

- None

List of Background Papers

- Single Outcome Agreement 2009-10

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