

## **Population Growth**

### **Update report from the working group October 2008-**

The on line questionnaire has proved to be a more successful way of collecting information with 6 partners having submitted responses and more known to be in the pipeline.

Whilst the partnership supported the initiative to try to find a project that would lead to new ways of working together to deliver the Scottish Government's targets on population growth it is by no means clear at the present time that this is a key driver for many partners.

One key element emerging from information received so far is that the majority of respondents are currently basing their forward planning on data indicating a declining population. This presents a challenge for the partnership if we are to work together in a meaningful way on any initiatives to attract people to live and work in Argyll and Bute.

A meeting of the working group is scheduled for 20 October to reassess the way forward and a verbal update will be provided at the management committee meeting.