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2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Community Services Committee notes this information.

3. Detail

3.1 Context

3.1.1 NRS published its 2012-based Household Projections for Scotland and for Council areas on 30 July 2014. These projections include:

- Projected numbers and types of household in Scotland for the 25 year period, 2012 to 2037
- Projected numbers and types of household in council areas for the 25 year period, 2012 to 2037
- Information about the age of heads of household over the projection period.

3.1.2 NRS produces household projections every two years.

3.2 Household change: 2012 to 2013

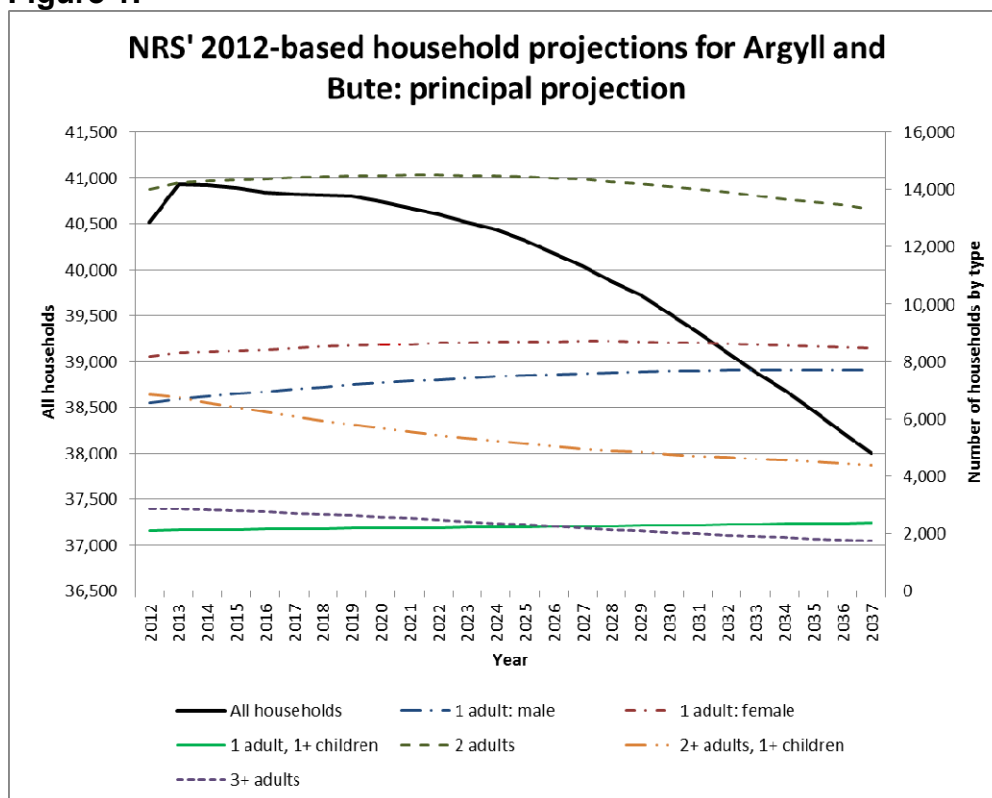
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- 3.2.3 Table 1 shows numbers and proportions of types of household at the beginning and end of the projection period, highlighting a continuing trend towards smaller households. See also figure 1.

Table 1: Types of household in 2012 and 2037: Argyll and Bute

Type of household	Number of households		Percentage of households		%change (2012-2037)
	2012	2037	2012	2037	
1 adult: male	6,546	7,709	16%	20%	18%
1 adult: female	8,172	8,473	20%	22%	4%
1 adult, 1+ children	2,084	2,375	5%	6%	14%
2 adults	14,009	13,316	35%	35%	-5%
2+ adults, 1+ children	6,850	4,379	17%	12%	-36%
3+ adults, no children	2,852	1,748	7%	5%	-39%
All households¹	40,514	38,001	100%	100%	-6%

¹ Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Figure 1.



3.2.4 Table 2 shows numbers and proportions of households headed by people of different age groups at the beginning and end of the projection period. Over the twenty-five years to 2037, the numbers and proportions of households headed by people aged 74 and under will decrease. Conversely, the numbers and proportions of households headed by persons aged 75+ are projected to increase, and will become the most numerous category.

Table 2: Age of heads of household in 2012 and 2037: Argyll and Bute

Age of head of household	Number of households		Percentage of households		%change (2012-2037)
	2012	2037	2012	2037	
16 - 29	2,902	2,399	7%	6%	-17%
30 - 44	7,645	6,726	19%	18%	-12%
45 - 59	11,845	7,707	29%	20%	-35%
60 - 74	11,544	9,889	28%	26%	-14%
75+	6,578	11,279	16%	30%	71%
All households²	40,514	38,000	100%	100%	-6%

² Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

- 3.2.5 NRS has also produced high migration and low migration variant projections. These suggest total numbers of households at the end of the projection period of 39,618 and 35,909, respectively.
- 3.2.6 Projections are not forecasts, and are based on the assumption that past trends will continue into the future.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 NRS published its 2012-based Household Projections for Scotland and for council areas on 30 July 2014. The projections cover the period 2012 to 2037.
- 4.2 The projections suggest a decrease in household numbers over the projection period. At the same time, average household size will decrease, and the age profile of heads of households will shift so that, in 2037, 30% of all households will be headed by someone aged 75+.
- 4.3 Projections are not forecasts, and are based on the assumption that past trends will continue into the future.

Reference: NRS (30 July 2014) **Household Projections for Scotland, 2012-based**, available at <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/households/projections/2012-based-household-projections/index.html> (accessed 30 July 2014)

IMPLICATIONS

POLICY: None relating directly to this paper. However, changing household numbers and structure may have implications for service planning and delivery.

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