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NO CONTEST IN VICTORIA WARD — ASHFORD RETURNED UNOPPOSED

David Ashford has been returned as a Douglas Borough Councillor for Victoria Ward after only three candidates came forward for the three available seats. At the age of 30 David will be the youngest member of the new Council.



Commenting on his return in Victoria Ward David said, "I am obviously happy to be representing Victoria Ward but at the same time disappointed that there will not now be an election and that the people of Victoria Ward will not have a chance to vote on the candidates manifestos. I have already been out canvassing and despite the fact there will not now be an election in Victoria I intend to continue canvassing and all residents will still be receiving a full copy of my manifesto. If anything, the fact there will not now be an election has made me even more determined to work hard to establish a record upon which the people of Victoria Ward can vote in four years time."

Commenting on the fact that only two of the six Douglas Wards had gone to election David said: "Although only two of the six wards are now holding contested polls this is mainly due to the fact that quite a number of sitting members have decided to retire. It is interesting to note that if all sitting members had decided to contest their seats then five of the six wards would have had elections. In total seven new candidates have come forward for election which compared to some other areas of the island is quite an impressive feat."

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DAVID ASHFORD KEY FACTS:

Born: 16th October 1977 Douglas Isle of Man

Attended St. Ninian's High School

Went to Edge Hill University in the North West of England 1996-1999

Served as a local Councillor in West Lancashire

Moved back to the island in 2001

Works for a Douglas based local insurance firm

Agent for Frank Schungel in Douglas South at the last General

DOUGLAS ELECTORAL FACTS

7 NEW CANDIDATES— 5 of which have been returned unopposed.

5 OF THE EXISTING 18 MEMBERS HAVE RETIRED.

2 OF THE 3 EXISTING VICTORIA WARD COUNCILLORS HAVE RETIRED.

RETURNED COUNCILLORS FOR VICTORIA WARD: DAVID ASHFORD, RAINA CHATEL, RICHARD KISSACK