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About Me

- Many of you will know of me; I live in the constituency with my family and have always been active in the local community. I have lived in Garff for the past 12 years and I'm acutely aware of the issues that face our community. Being in public service for most of my working career has, I believe, provided me with the perfect platform from which to make the step into public office. If elected I will endeavour to champion our local and national community at every turn.
- Public service is at the core of who I am. In my professional capacity I am presently a teacher of Science and Head of Year at St Ninian's High School, but I have also worked for the NHS and I'm a proud military reservist veteran.
- My life of public service and my inherent motivation to help others was shaped by own background, growing up in a disadvantaged area of the UK. It instilled in me a deeply-felt awareness of the everyday struggles endured by the majority of people, and strengthened my will do everything in my power to improve the lives of those I serve.
- My decision to run for public office was based solely on my passionate desire to help create a better future for the people of the Isle of Man. I am fortunate to say that my life to date has been an amazing journey; one which I have been lucky enough to share with my wife and our children. But I acknowledge that we face uncertain times and to secure a bright future for us all it is time to act on several fronts.
- It's time to participate in the politics of hope; hope for future generations, hope that we can leave our island in better shape for our children and their children. I fear that in recent times we have been rudderless; drifting without impetus. The time has come to lead rather than follow. The Isle of Man has the potential to be the envy of the rest of the British Isles and the world - if we begin to maximise our enormous potential. It's time to stop dutifully following the UK and to set our own agenda.



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Working for a better future

A voice for you!

National politics frequently ignores the issues that affect our daily lives. I will give a voice to those feeling unheard and offer support with the issues that trouble each of us every day. The people of Garff deserve to be treated fairly; matters such as sewage treatment for Laxey need resolving now. Government and decision makers must not be allowed to “kick the can down the road”. This is a matter of urgent public concern.

Economic fairness

I will work tirelessly to develop high-quality partnerships in the local community in order to help rebalance our economy and to improve social and economic fairness. Despite increases in average salary rates 16.5% of employees in 2020 earned less than the Isle of Man Living Wage - up from 15.7% in 2019 (IoM Earnings Survey 2020). Many people struggle to make ends meet and to take a full part in our society. Average earnings figures mean nothing when the statistic is distorted by the huge salaries paid to some high earners.

Public services

I will endeavour to ensure that our public services remain in public ownership and will oppose the outsourcing of our essential services. We all lose when services are outsourced. Inevitably, as end users, we experience lower quality - whilst well paid, secure jobs are sacrificed on the altar of profit – often forcing people into precarious, poorly paid roles. The only beneficiaries are wealthy shareholders in the private companies.

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Accountability

I believe that we need to develop legislative accountability and establish direct election to the legislative council. I will challenge the gravy train of unelected appointments, and work to devolve more powers to local government to deliver services, whilst at the same time ensuring local authorities are fit for purpose. I want to see transparent tendering in place to provide real value for money in the development of our island's infrastructure.

Sustainability

It is imperative that we do not allow our next government to kick the can down the road like the current administration. I will work to build a greener, more sustainable future. Worldwide, economies are adopting greener, more sustainable solutions and we should be leading the way. We must develop appropriate greener strategies to improve the future for everyone on the island. New technologies can be harnessed to boost our economy and provide lasting benefits for us all. The sooner we begin to make an effective transition away from a fossil-fuel based economy the faster we will realise the benefits.

Fight inequality

I will strive to ensure equality across all sections of society and remove obstacles that hinder opportunity and talent. Inequality is a real problem on our island with barriers that limit people's ability to realise their potential. Given the massive increase in our island's GDP between 2006 and 2018 we have not seen a commensurate increase in living standards - only the establishment of food banks and growing levels of poverty. This is unacceptable and represents a gross failing of government which can't be allowed to continue.



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My top priorities

Educational Opportunities

As a teacher I see each day that not all students are ready to learn during their school days. Some take longer and so miss opportunities to become educated and skilled. By investing in education, for all age groups, we can help more people to realise their potential and empower them to take on a greater role in our society.

Economy and Poverty

Our economy doesn't work for all of us. Despite increases in average salary rates, 16.5% of employees in 2019 earned less than the Isle of Man Living Wage - up from 15.7% in 2019 (IoM Earnings Survey 2020). People living below this level face a difficult struggle to make ends meet and to fully engage in our vibrant society. Rebalancing and diversifying our economy is a vital step to ensuring we are all better off in the future.

Health and Wellbeing

Our policies require refocusing to reduce inequality. Greater investment and earlier interventions would actually reduce future costs to the services. The present underfunding of essential services is having seriously detrimental effects. It is therefore imperative that we rebalance the island's budgetary spending to ensure that funding is delivered to the areas of most need, and not wasted on frivolous projects.

Social Issues

Poverty is on the increase. Our island GDP more than doubled in the years 2006-2018. But, shamefully, this hasn't led to any real increase in living standards on the island. By rebalancing parts of our economy we can alleviate poverty and improve poor standards of social care. The building of truly affordable green housing and measures to ensure that off-island speculation in the housing market is reduced or halted, is essential to enable our future generations to live at home. Our community spirit needs to be fostered and not taken for granted in these difficult times.