

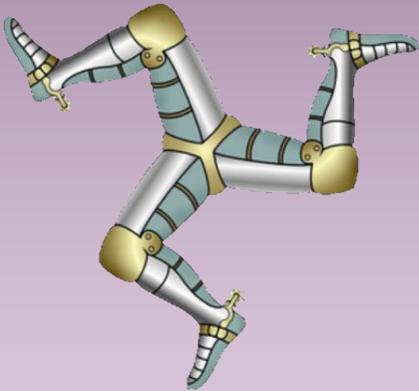
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Thursday, 23rd September?**

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## House of Keys Election Douglas Central



**Ann  
Corlett**



**Working For You, Our Community, Our Island**



*Dear Constituent,*

It has been my privilege to represent our constituency as a member of the House of Keys for the last 5 years.

I am hoping that you, the residents of Douglas Central, will once again place your trust in me to continue to represent you.

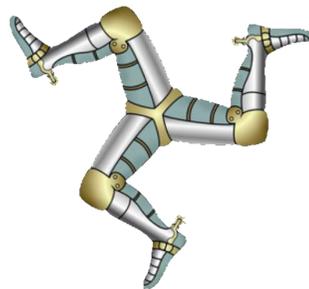
My pledge, if successful on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, is to continue to work hard and to represent you with enthusiasm, integrity and commitment.

*Ann Corlett*

**I was born**, grew up and raised my family in our constituency.

**Before entering** national politics I ran our family catering business for almost 30 years. Since 2016 I have worked full time as your MHK.

**I am passionate** about social policy and serving as department member in both DHSC and DESC has given me the opportunity to start to bring about change and to understand and help shape some of the services so many of us depend upon. Change is happening but there is so much more to be done!



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The condition of the roads and pavements in large areas of Douglas is appalling. Pavements in such a poor state of repair that they are hazardous, especially for elderly or disabled residents.

Traffic congestion and parking are becoming ever more of a problem. Traffic management needs to be considered in a way that looks at Douglas as a whole, not as it is now where problems are dealt with in isolation and result in causing or compounding an issue elsewhere.

Bus routes? We no longer have a service that actually serves Douglas Central! We need a regular bus service that connects areas of Douglas Central with the town centre and the bus station. People don't want to travel on long, convoluted routes in order to get to town. We must invest more in public bus services as part of our climate change response. I absolutely support free bus travel for pensioners but a free bus pass is useless without a bus!

### My aims

- I will push for a Douglas road and pavement resurfacing and maintenance scheme to be planned and carried out.
- Continue to push to reinstate a bus service that actually covers Douglas Central.
- A Douglas traffic management plan is required.

Some of you will know that I have been actively campaigning for a reduction in speed limits on certain roads in residential areas in our constituency.

I moved an amendment in Tynwald earlier this year to reduce speed limits on roads in residential areas, especially those roads surrounding schools. This was unanimously accepted and the Department of Infrastructure are now tasked to come forward with plans to implement and enforce it.

*My thanks to all for continuing to support by signing petitions and displaying posters.*



Redevelopment of brown field sites is simply common sense.

We have several sites in Douglas Central that are all suitable for redevelopment. There are real opportunities for, perhaps, a new primary school on the Park Road site? First time buyers and affordable housing on Westmoreland Road, Lake Road and South Quay?

Building homes on the Douglas side of the Quarterbridge makes sense, as building further out of town will only lead to more people commuting to Douglas, requiring more parking spaces and increasing congestion.

Planning issues are one of the most common reasons that constituents contact me for help or support. The present system sometimes doesn't work for us either as individuals or as a community. We have the proposed telecommunications mast in Woodbourne Lane - *right in the centre of a conservation area!*

The proposals being suggested for Tromode Road are hugely concerning especially the shared space aspect of it. I could not support these proposals in their current form.

We need to work together in order to get the right outcomes for our community.

- I was successful in working with residents to stop the Ballakermeen one - way proposal.
- I am supporting residents in their planning appeal against the Woodbourne Lane Telecommunications mast.
- Highlighting and supporting resident's concerns with the proposed plans for Tromode Road.

#### My aims

- Continue to help and support Douglas Central constituents.
- A review and reform of the planning system.

The rise in house prices means home ownership has become increasingly difficult for Manx residents particularly first-time buyers. House price growth has outstripped growth in earnings. Many young people and families are struggling to afford to rent or buy a home. This has a negative effect on recruitment and retention of key workers and the return of graduates. Affordable, quality housing helps to attract teachers, nurses, police officers and other key workers to live and work on our Island.

#### My aims

- To ensure a National Housing Strategy is completed.
- The cap on purchase price and earnings cap for the shared equity scheme need to be reviewed. Both are too low to enable people to buy.
- Increased availability of mid-rent or rent-to-buy properties required.

#### Rate Reform

An unfair system is in place now that is based on rental values and dates back to 1969.

Reform is essential - the rating system needs to be transparent, understandable and *most importantly, fair!*

#### Local Government Reform

The last Local Authority elections have again shown the difficulties filling seats. Merging local authorities would allow for services to be devolved and therefore more "Authority for Authorities" and create more enthusiasm for representation at a local level.

- I support the call for 5 local authorities.

Driving the economy has to be the top priority. Economic recovery is vital if we are to balance the budget and fund the vital services that so many of us rely on.

We need to rebuild reserves for a sustainable future which provides security for the next generation.

The Covid pandemic has hit us hard but we are in a better position financially than was at first predicted. Financial support for individuals and businesses has been vital in order to get us through the lockdowns and restrictions caused by the pandemic. Some sectors may require some continued support through the winter.

### What has been done?

- Economic Recovery Group formed.
- Economic Recovery Programme established to ensure the protection of jobs, provide support to the business community and stimulate the economy.
- A new economic strategy review is well under way with KPMG Global. A key pillar of the Economic Recovery Programme was the need to develop and deliver a longer-term economic strategy to help assess and grow the Island's economy over the next 10+ years.
- The executive agency model has been set up and is proving successful as a conduit between government and business.

### What are my aims?

- Support good financial management. Balance the budget.
- Prioritise spending into what we must do, what we should do and what we could do if we could afford it.
- Build reserves for a sustainable future. The costs incurred by the pandemic prove just how important reserves really are.

- Stop overspending and delays on capital projects by forming a Capital Projects Management Unit.
- Review of the NI system to close the loopholes and ensure the system is simple and fair to all contributors.
- *Bonds rather than Borrowing.* Giving Manx residents the opportunity to invest in our Island and see a return on their investment.
- Retain work permits. Relax and tighten as required.

## Climate Change

Much has been made of target dates but we have to be realistic. This is a huge undertaking and it will impact each and every one of us both financially and in the way that we live our lives into the future. We should aim to do as much as we can, as soon as we can, within a planned budget framework.

If resources are targeted at schemes that directly benefit us it will be easier to bring people on board. Grant and loan schemes will be needed to assist residents with the cost of insulation and heating as we move away from fossil fuel heating. The benefits of warmer more energy efficient homes will provide incentive as long as people can access help to achieve it.

We need a national waste strategy that brings together the fragmented recycling services. Options for future waste disposal will need to be considered. What to do when the *energy from waste* plant reaches the end of its life?

Key decisions will need to be made regarding our future energy generation. We must switch to renewable energy generation and our supply must be secure, sustainable and reliable. The climate change action we need to take will have huge price tags and we will have to balance priorities.

We all agree that we want a health service of the highest quality that puts the patient or service user at the centre.

### What has been done?

- *Manx Care* established as the arms-length body responsible for the service delivery functions of DHSC. The *Manx Care Act 2020* is now in place.
- The transformation programme is being progressed to bring long term and systemic transformation to our health and care system.
- Mental Health professionals are now working closely with the police.
- The *Duty of Candour* is now in statute, providing the legal responsibility to be open and transparent with individuals and their families when something goes wrong with their care.
- Patient and service user engagement forum is now in progress.
- Review and reform of the complaints system underway with the consultation now live.

### What are my aims?

- To remain vigilant and be prepared to challenge costs and budgets for both *Manx Care* and the transformation programme.
- Support funding and resources required to bring down waiting times. The target of 18 weeks from referral to treatment must be achieved. Lives and quality of life are at stake.
- Support investment in Mental Health Services.
- Support Mental Health practitioners working in GP surgeries and health centres.
- More care for carers – including a review of the carer's allowance.

- Support the DHSC's request for funding to allow Isle of Man patients access to the NICE TA approved medicines.
- Support the provision of integrated, high quality health and social care services.
- Support the delivery of the right care, in the right place, at the right time.
- Ensure the introduction into the House of Keys of the Mental Capacity Bill very early in the next administration.
- Ensure the drafting of a new Mental Health Act and its progression through the branches before the end of the next administration.
- Reform the Regulation of Care Act to enable effective inspection and regulation of all health and social care services.

## Care Home Funding

This has been a topic of debate for decades. It has been debated several times during the last administration and the majority of people agree that the current system is not fair.

Unlike the National Health Service being free at the point of access, your ability to fund the cost of care is based on income and assets.

A lot of work has taken place with stakeholders and financial modelling is required to finalise options and proposals, including the possibility of a Social Care Fund or Social Care Insurance.

- This issue must be a top priority for the next administration and I hope you will allow me to finish this important piece of work that I have been involved in.

It has been a challenging time as a political member in the Department of Education, Sport & Culture but the review of the Department and subsequent restructuring to make it less top-heavy has put us in a better place going forward.

Education is an investment in the future.

The Department's function is to support schools; to support educators to educate. Acknowledging that teachers are best placed to know and understand how to meet the educational needs of the children and young people in their schools.

### What has been done?

- Full review and restructure of the Department.
- Increased the pre-school credits available to families and expanded the number of places available.
- Increased the funding for students going to university with increased maintenance grants and contribution toward tuition fees.
- Major developments at Castle Rushen High School and QE2.
- Increased resources for UCM to offer more courses and training opportunities.
- Consulted on a dyslexia strategy.
- Developed a code for provision for those with additional educational needs and increased financial resources to provide more teachers.
- Consulted on vocational training and student awards to ensure more young people can train on-island.
- Working with employers to provide quality careers advice and training opportunities for school leavers.
- As a Department member I was able to contribute to a 5 year strategy putting students and their families at the heart of everything we do.

- To provide an education system that meets the needs of all children.
- Ensure capacity issues are addressed and that suitable secondary education facilities are provided not only in the constituency of Douglas Central but for the east of the Island.
- To ensure that a new Education Bill is brought forward during the next administration.
- Provision for students with Additional Educational Needs is made on a fair and equitable basis.
- More time allowed in schools to embed key 'life skills' education.
- Support increased funding for distance learning.
- Support the development and implementation of a children and young people's mental health strategy.
- Provide more opportunities for apprenticeships and 'earn-as-you-learn' training.

### High Schools in Douglas Central

A major frustration for me as a member of the Department of Education, Sport & Culture and as your constituency MHK is the Department's reluctance to address the capacity issues at Ballakermeen High School. *Ballakermeen is over capacity.* Extra mobile classrooms are required for September and still that does not provide enough space. St Ninians is under capacity. A solution could be, Ballakermeen and Bemahague taking students up to year 11 and a co-located 6th form provision for the east of the Island at St Ninians.

This would also alleviate some of the parking difficulties in the area surrounding Ballakermeen. There is space to accommodate parking within the St Ninians site.

### My aim

- To ensure that provision is reviewed and action is taken.