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Dear Voter,

It has been a privilege **representing the people of Guernsey and my island in the States since 2002** and I would like to continue to represent you to improve our Island. I was first elected to a parochial office in 1988 so my length of service shows my commitment.

I really care about Guernsey and its people. I bring experience and knowledge and can work constructively and effectively with colleagues making valuable contributions to policy development and debates because of the knowledge that I have gained from the work that I have done and from the different posts I have held.

I have a common sense and logical approach to decision making and I research matters very thoroughly. I am fully committed to the States and I again have a 100% attendance and voting record at States meetings in the last term except for one meeting during COVID that I could not attend because I had a cough (I voted by proxy for that meeting).

I would like to meet as many of you as possible and I will try to knock on as many doors as I can but with island wide voting I will only be able to meet some of you.

I have therefore decided to post my manifesto to make sure you all have a copy in case you intend to vote early using a postal vote. It is far more comprehensive than the one in the manifesto booklet.

I have tried to explain my views on the main issues but



if you want anything clarified that I have not covered please do not hesitate to contact me.

On contentious issues Deputies sometimes receive hundreds of emails just before a debate. I am sorry if you contacted me and I did not reply because I have concentrated on preparing for the debate or because of my heavy committee workload.

I have **helped parishioners with many issues** over the years including planning issues and benefit problems. I have organised and attended almost all Castel parish surgeries on the Saturday before a States meetings.

I am standing as a member of the Guernsey Partnership of Independents and I would welcome the opportunity to continue to represent my island. I hope that after reading my views you will vote for me.

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My views

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Revive and Thrive

I support the strategy:

- to build a more sustainable economy, growing new sectors whilst also addressing pressing social and environmental issues;
- to deliver improved infrastructure through major investment, in turn **supporting local industry**; and
- looking to improve our health, well-being and build on the strong sense of community.

The economy

The recent reduction in unemployment is very encouraging and shows the strength of our economy.

I support Revive and Thrive and investment in capital projects to help achieve:

- **a target to revive the majority of economic activity by 2021** and to create a more resilient, dynamic,

vibrant and sustainable economy with growth of 1% p.a. above previous levels;

- post-COVID employment levels to be above 2019 levels by end 2021;
- upgrading and improving our digital connectivity; and
- ensuring the public sector provides the **best value for money and operates efficiently**.

Taxes

- As a member of the Guernsey Partnership I fully support the commitment to develop a **sustainable tax system** which ensures we remain competitive whilst sharing the tax burden fairly and **not putting an undue load on the lowest paid members of our island, or squeezing the middle**.
- I will wait the outcome of the review however I have consistently opposed and voted against a Goods and Services Tax.

Capital projects

- I sat on the scrutiny panel that reviewed the capital allocation process. We criticised **the lack of a steady flow of projects** which is not good for the island, the construction industry and the economy. The process for approval must be simplified - the Guernsey Partnership are committed to improving this.
- I fully support investment in capital projects - examples are: the Guernsey Institute (College of FE), hospital modernisation, secondary schools (La Mare pupils must be in a fit for purpose school,) primary schools, dairy, seafront enhancement, inert waste site, nature centre, continuation of repairs to the sea walls including Fermain, protection against sea rise, Castle Cornet, Alderney runway, improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.

Borrowing

- I did not support the bond and I sat on the bond issue scrutiny panel.
- I voted against the recent 2-3 year borrowing as I believed that the rainy-day fund assets should have been sold to provide the extra cash that was needed.
- We should only borrow within our means for the purpose of investing in long term infrastructure or for projects which generate a return.

Population

- **Over-population and the resulting over-development could significantly change our beautiful island.**
- The growth in our population by 0.9% in the year ending September 2019 is a real concern.
- We must minimise the number of people coming into the island by **upskilling** our local population.

Climate change

- Although we are a small community in global terms, we must play our part and I fully support **carbon neutrality by 2050**. This will include not importing any cars or vans with petrol or diesel engines by 2035; and carbon sequestration schemes both on and off island.
- A Citizen's Assembly is a great way of involving the community in the difficult decisions required.

Energy

- We need a **new cable from France to have a resilient supply of renewable energy** to reduce our use of hydrocarbons.
- We must have the highest standards of energy efficiency for all new homes and improve standards of insulation for existing properties.

Strategy for Nature

- I endorse the strategy - we need to achieve its goals: connecting our island community with nature, care for nature to ensure its diversity and resilience, and foster and share knowledge about nature.
- **I support building a centre for nature.**

Transport links

- **I do not support a runway extension.** We need frequent flights to Gatwick with planes based overnight in Guernsey so early flights are not affected by fog.
- I strongly support Aurigny - I proposed a successful amendment to reduce their borrowing costs.
- Condor's freight only ship should be replaced with another freight/ passenger ship like the Clipper so there is more **resilience**.

On-island transport

- As a motorist, cyclist and pedestrian I believe we should **encourage active travel** including more contraflow systems and cycle lanes to make our roads safer for cyclists.
- As a member of E & I Committee I am proud of the success of the new buses - a **32% increase** in passengers in 5 years. We must continue to develop the service as demand increases.



Housing

- I fully support the successful Guernsey Housing Association which was set up when I was a member of the Housing Authority.
- To make house buying affordable there should be more **partial ownership** homes so islanders can start by owning only 40% and later increase it up to 80%.

Education

- I want our schools to be some of the **best performing with a high-quality learning environment in modern, purpose-built facilities** with excellent teachers so all our children are valued and have the opportunity to **achieve their potential in academic and non-academic subjects** at an acceptable cost to the taxpayer.
- I fully accept that the States has voted for a 'Pause & Review'. The Education Committee, of which I am a member, returned to the States to define which models will be reviewed and we are determined that the review is comprehensive and the process is **independently** overseen. I will wait for the outcome of the review **and I will support the model that is the best for Guernsey.**
- I wish to explain the background to the current situation. At the last election I supported the retention of **11+ selection** and voted for it in the States. When the vote was lost, I accepted the result.
- The previous Education committee then proposed a model which divided sixth form from 11 to 16 studies. It divided vocational and technical education between a post-16 college and a separate training college. The College of Further Education would have been split in two. This **model had little support among professionals** who lead and/or deliver post-16 education, it was against international best practice.
- I then worked with 3 colleagues to propose the best alternative, at that time, based on educational outcomes and not on convenient management of the existing buildings, which included two 11 to 18 colleges, some of the reasons were:
 - **No change to current class size.**
 - A broad and balanced curriculum offer with greater consistency across both colleges.
 - Improved school facilities for all pupils.
 - Recruitment from a wider pool of teachers and less need for teachers to teach outside their specialisms.
 - **Setting by subject** so that where appropriate pupils are taught with others of a similar ability.
 - 80% top performing non-selective schools are 11-18 Schools with average size of 1,350 pupils.
 - The opportunity for a greater number of students to continue into the sixth form on the same site.
 - **Outstanding enrichment provision** including opportunities **for high attainers.**
 - **Improved pastoral support** with small tutor groups and increased time for daily tutorials.
 - Supporting students with additional needs including communication and autism bases.

- We also proposed that the **College of Further Education**, now called the **Guernsey Institute**, would continue offering vocational, professional and technical courses for full-time and part-time students, including apprentices; and **integrate** with the Institute of Health and Social Care Studies and the Guernsey Training Agency with an aim to form a partnership with a UK university to become University College Guernsey. We must **progress without delay** the new building for the Guernsey Institute at Les Ozouets as the quality of the current teaching and learning spaces, which are spread over three sites, is poor and unfit for purpose.
- Some **primary school** buildings need redeveloping but before that happens the review of capacity in the primary schools needs to be completed.

Island Wide Elections

- I was a member of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee that successfully organised the **referendum.**
- My preference is an election based on districts. If the observers report of this election is critical, I will support another referendum.

Discrimination

- I fully support the recently debated proposals and there must be **no more delays.**
- I attended the Black Lives Matter protest.



Guernésiais

- As our language is now spoken by so few I fully support giving a grant to **Guernsey Language Commission** while we still have some native speakers.

Castle Cornet – our most popular museum

- I support a totally new display for the maritime museum and some improvements to make the Castle more welcoming and accessible, although access will always be limited.

Health and social care

I agree with the Guernsey Partnership and will always support having **affordable healthcare** and a medical system that is modern and fit for purpose. And we will commit to:

- ensuring no one is denied access to primary care due to affordability;
- using the COVID response experience to improve health staff recruitment;
- fair pay for nurses and allied health professionals; and
- delivering a Mental Health and Well-being Centre, and upskilling community support.

Cost of primary care

- **Following my successful amendment in 2015**, I was pleased that the States recently supported the proposal to **reduce the cost of visits to GPs and A&E for children** as well as improving children’s dental care; and giving primary school children improved cultural enrichment activities.

Long-term care in nursing and residential homes

- The Fund was set up to pay for care and accommodation so that people’s homes did not need to be sold. **I strongly disagree with proposals for people’s homes being used to calculate a contribution towards their care.**

COVID-19

- It is excellent that, at the time of writing, we have no COVID-19 cases and we are in Phase 5b. We should also be testing people on arrival.
- I hope that our additional testing facilities and the situation in other countries will enable us to move to Phase 5c. This will make travel off-island more attractive and provide an economic benefit of visitors coming to Guernsey. Decisions to move to the next phases should be made by the States.
- We must continue to **support those in hardship** as a result of COVID-19.

Death with Dignity

- As a Christian I did not support the proposals for euthanasia. I support good palliative care.

Cannabis

- I supported the decision for a report on both legal and illegal substances, it should include looking at dependency and harm to the individual, families, communities and society.
- I agree with HSC that medicinal cannabis prescribed by a doctor should be accessible to islanders.

Development and planning

- I support **3rd party appeals** so that neighbours, who made representations, can appeal if a development gets permission.
- **Rural parts of the island must continue to be protected** so we can all enjoy them, as so many did during lockdown.
- Development must mainly be in the built up areas of St Peter Port and the Bridge such as Leale’s Yard. We must include **green areas for recreation**. Some limited development should also be in the local centres.
- We need a policy for clearing derelict glasshouses as many are eyesores.

Waste

- As a member of the Programme Board, I am proud of the success of the waste disposal scheme, the **high volumes being recycled** and the Household Waste & Recycling Centre at Longue Hougue. We should aim to recycle even more.



Inert waste

- The Island needs an inert waste site in about 2 years and delay will result in stockpiling of inert construction waste adding to building costs. After evaluating 50 sites it was concluded that Longue Hougue South is the **best practical environmental option**. No one wants any environmental damage but the mitigation measures will help to minimise this.
- When the stone in Ronez quarry at Les Vardes is fully extracted, it should be used for water storage. Then **Longue Hougue quarry**, currently our largest reservoir, could be used for inert waste and eventually become a valuable area of land.

Background & information

My background

- Aged 61, married to Anne, a chartered accountant. We have three children in their 20s living in Guernsey.
- I attended Castel Primary School and Elizabeth College and have an HND in Computer Studies from Plymouth Polytechnic.
- I worked in the computer software industry for 21 years. I am a director of a family company that owns residential property in St Sampson and I do some work managing that property.
- I have always lived in Castel as have previous generations who can be traced back to 1620. I have a horticultural/agricultural background - I was Chairman of the Young Farmers Club for two years, and one of our sons is a dairy farmer.
- I was first elected to a parochial office in 1988 and I have been a Constable, Douzenier and Castel School Committee member.
- In the early 90's I was the spokesperson for 'The Right to Vote Movement' which campaigned for Conseillers to be elected by the public.

Political experience

- Currently: **Vice-President of the Environment & Infrastructure and a member of the Education, Sport and Culture;** the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; the Castel, La Houquette and Grammar School Committees.
- I have served on many committees including:
 - **Minister of Social Security**
 - **Minister of Health and Social Services**
 - **Treasury and Resources Committee for more than four years**
 - States Assembly & Constitution Committee
 - Two scrutiny panels that reviewed the bond issue and capital allocations
 - States Review Committee
 - Public Services Department
 - Strategic Land Planning Group
 - Population Policy Group & Social Policy Group - sub groups of the Policy Council
 - Housing Authority – Deputy Minister
 - Board of Industry.

Why am I standing as a candidate for the Guernsey Partnership of Independents?

Our committee and consensus system of government decision making involves members working together to find common ground to achieve a majority or an unanimous vote and this often involves compromise. With the island wide election, The Guernsey Partnership of Independents candidates are standing together to clearly indicate to the electorate that, whilst we are not of the same view on all issues, we are committed to working positively and constructively with colleagues and other States members, the Civil Service and the wider community to do what is best for Guernsey.

We have pledged to:

- **act independently with integrity, openness, objectivity and honesty, and be held accountable for the well-being of all Guernsey people;**
- **support decisive, effective government and respect the democratic majority;**
- **back investment in the Revive and Thrive plan to make our economy resilient with better infrastructure, connectivity and job opportunities;**
- **make the protection and support of our people the top priority; and**
- **protect Guernsey's environment and invest in its ecological future.**

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Proposer and seconder

I wish to very sincerely thank:

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Our Values

- ✓ Decisive Government
- ✓ Independent Collaboration
- ✓ Invest in "Revive and Thrive"
- ✓ Support our People
- ✓ Protect our Environment

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