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MANIFESTO SUMMARY – It is an honour to stand again for another term of four years as a Deputy. I offer a unique mixture of **Continuity** and **Change** with 28 years of experience as a front and backbencher. A scrutineer and frequent questioner but also a senior member of Policy and Resources in the outgoing States. I Have had past leadership experience on Legislation, Planning, Transport & Licensing committees. I offer common sense policies and solutions that would result in improving outcomes for islanders. I believe I embrace and embody the hard-working community of Guernsey and will work hard for the Bailiwick.

PERSONAL STATEMENT – I have over my political career, led or sat as a board member on at least 17 States Authorities or committees I am always well briefed with one of the best attendance records of States members. One senior member said I am the conscience of the States. I have also, I guess asked more oral rule 11 questions scrutinising my colleagues and departments whilst making statements myself

Joining the senior committee, The Policy and Resources Committee was an important milestone for me as I put my experience to good use reviewing and making decisions on many diverse areas from taxation to information technology. The regular updates from Europe and the French regions of Normandy and Brittany particularly interest me and I would like to do more external affairs work. I have been particularly involved with understanding the needs of the third sector, public sector remuneration pays negotiations, sitting on the additional learning needs oversight group which focuses on SEND special needs integration and Chairing the Corporate Parenting Board and the Children and Young People’s board which delivered a workable set of legal updates and changes to legislation

MANAGING CHANGE WITH LEADERSHIP - I need a renewed strong mandate from you to get decisions moving and to continue to ask the difficult questions other politicians don’t want to answer. I have asked more oral questions than any other member, over my political career, I am not afraid to challenge my political colleagues. I am not one for costly consultants, vacuous visions and meaningless mission statements! What we need is practical common-sense solutions combined with knowledgeable gut instinct

backed by evidence of what will work for Guernsey. , we have become too risk averse over the past few years to the detriment of the island. The coronavirus crisis produced, strong effective leadership and good outcomes, compared with many other jurisdictions. But I would love a huge renewed personal mandate to make a positive difference for you. Having previously sat on many committees, I am willing to lead or sit on any one of the Committees. bringing continuity of experience and difference to the discussions and decision making .

MY PLEDGE TO MODERNISE SOCIETY - We need to keep our international obligations and promises by prioritising resources to sign up to the global treaties we have already committed to such as those that outlaw all forms of discrimination, we need to bring the business community with us to find pragmatic workable solutions, building on the positive heritage of previous Presidents of ESS, Michelle Le Clerc, and Peter Roffey.

MY MANDATE TO STRENGTHEN CARE OPTIONS - I believe that any attempt to oblige people to sell their homes to finance excessive care costs is unacceptable to myself and the majority of islanders. However, the SLAWS (Supported Living and Ageing Well) package, recently approved in the States is not the complete answer and the solution is very complex.

I did not vote for the new £10,000 mandatory contribution to care or the huge personal care uplifts, by the time of the next election in 2029 patients or residents in homes will be forced to pay a co-payment of nearly £26,000 per year! My policy would be to negotiate more States Rate care beds and to encourage the development of more private and or states owned care facilities. I support an equity release scheme as a tool to assist with current private top-up fees, as well as helping people pay for adaptations to enable them to stay in their own homes longer.

I would support the possibility of developing further extra care facilities such as those that we already have at Nouvelle Maritaine and Le Grande Courtil. If the Labour Government under Sir Keir Starmer succeeds at reducing immigration this will affect Guernsey and our care system, we will have little choice, as we are part of the Common Travel Area. We need to develop and upskill our local workforce to attract people into caring, we know will have to pay more. It is not until we need care, or our loved ones need care that we realise the invaluable service that carers provide and the complex nature of funding Long Term Care.

A MANDATE TO MONITOR AND REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING - We need our thinking hats on here and there is nothing too cuddly about fiscal policies. We need to help those who struggle with costly household expenditure with more targeted support and less taxation, for those on lower incomes. Many islanders are worse off as lower middle earners than other jurisdictions We don’t do enough to help people just about managing.

I support raising personal allowances introducing lower 15% rates of tax for earnings below say £35,000, higher benefits limitations and in work incentives such as earnings disregards. I support a fair taxation policy for all of Guernsey. This can be paid for by restraining higher paid public sector posts, more emphasis on consumption taxes and economic growth. We need a relaxation of population controls for skilled younger professionals in many industries.

We need a clear economic recovery plan which wisely invests in infrastructure, small business and digital growth if we can expand and enhance our air, sea transport links with Jersey, the UK and Europe this could act as an economic enabler.

MY IDEAS ON TOWN AND PLANNING - St Peter Port Town Centre is the jewel in our crown. 1000’s of visitors pass through the town in the summer months, our centre needs to continue to thrive to attract business and visitors alike. We have underinvested in our town centre our ports and harbours for too many years, and I support closer working between Government via the Guernsey Development Agency and the St Peter Port and St Sampsons Douzaine.

As an England and Wales Green Party member and delegate, I obviously support strengthening biodiversity but balanced with economic considerations. I would ban noisy motorbikes and consider increasing minimum age for riding motorbikes from 14 to 16.

We need clarity on planning policy and practice. Experience tells me we have to choose between a politically directed model and an entire professional process structure. The current mish mash of increasingly infrequently held open planning meetings, delayed decisions and tribunals trumping political decisions needs a complete review. I will promote more exemptions, loans and grants for energy conservation and preserving historic buildings. We need to ensure we continue to provide green lungs for wildlife habitats and for social wellbeing as well as providing green field conservation protection.

A MANDATE TO REFORM GOVERNMENT - I believe in the long term, Guernsey would have a clearer, more accountable and open system of Government with Ministerial positions and collective policy co-ordination in a more Cabinet executive-type structure, improving decision making and accountability.

The role of a Deputy needs re-evaluation as the current position lacks clear duties, research and secretarial support.,

WHAT DO I BRING TO THE STATES AND ISLAND GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY?

I AM A COMMUNITY POLITICIAN - I am well known for attending and participating in many events and aspects of island life from heritage to environmental pursuits , historic architectural visits , fayres arts, walks and sports . I believe that I am one of the most accessible Deputies, this enables me to listen and learn about the issues that ordinary people care about and raise them as questions in the monthly States Meetings.

I support the amazing talent in our community and would like to introduce to Guernsey an Arts & Culture funding scheme similar to the Jersey scheme which provides a one percent grant to Arts and Culture. Arts and Culture are a key part of our economic development, as well as providing , many full time and part time careers as well as being good for social wellbeing. We need to ensure Beau Sejour is retained and enhanced for the community, it provides a vital service and resource to almost every family on the island. I am in support of continuing to support Beau Sejour as a Community provision even if it needs subsidy from Government.

I was pleased to join the St Peter Port douzaine last year in a by-election sadly caused by the premature death of my close friend and colleague Mike Garrett. It has been an interesting extra dimension as I chair the Policy and Resources Douzaine parish liaison group. From assisting with planning reviews to supporting festive lights and enhancing the Town and its links with France and keeping parks and the Town Church in good order are vital to our sense of belonging.

I support many charities. I am President of Living Streets, trying to improve pedestrians’ safety and the green lane environment. I am on the Committee of Friends of the Priaulx Library and support the Rehabilitation of ex-offenders’ group, mental health drop ins and community cafes. I support third sector financing, commissioning grants and appropriate partnership with tax reductions from Gift Aid and would support the exemption of GST on Charities if GST was introduced. The Voluntary sector is a vital resource to the island we need to ensure a firmer more robust relationship with the voluntary sector, as well as the

parish Douzaines . Sadly, we have lost the political links with our Douzaines when Island Wide Voting was introduced, and we need to re-connect.

SUMMARY

You hopefully will agree that my policies are evolutionary, sensible and realistic and based on what is politically achievable and possible within a Consensus system for a small island government. I love ❤ politics and the cut and thrust of debate but deep down want a better island Improved protection for the environment and enhanced social services with continued economic growth . Without a real mandate for rational change, I almost felt reluctant to stand and serve again which is why I have covered a lot of detail .

I had hard choices to make, so do you . But please consider giving me just one of your 38 votes. You can vote for up to 38 Deputies, but you don’t have to vote for more than one, or you can choose a smaller number than 38!

Yours faithfully, John GOLLOP



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