# Douglas North Constituency Debate

# Transcript

**Andy Wint**

Good evening, welcome to University College Isle of Man, it's Tuesday the 7th of December and tonight we live with the candidates for Douglas North.

Douglas is the capital of the Isle of Man and the main business centre of the Island. It is the modern home the Island’s parliament, which is located in the legislative buildings on Bucks Road. The boundaries of Douglas North mean the constituency includes the districts of Willaston and Glencrutchery, and part of Garden City from the former constituency of Douglas West, as well as part of Onchan Parish.

Now, no MHKs – House of Keys was dissolved on the 12th August, before that the MHKs were David Ashford and Ralph Peak. Currently standing in this election on Thursday, 23rd of September: David Ashford, Kevin Oliphant-Smith, Ralph Peake and John Wannenburgh. Now Kevin Oliphant-Smith tested positive for Covid, so will not be with us tonight. We have David Ashford, Ralph Peake John Wannenburgh so alphabetically - David Ashford, why do you want to be MHK for Douglas North?

**David Ashford**

It's been my honour and privilege to represent Douglas North for the last five years. I believe we've got a lot of challenges ahead of us, mainly domestic policy, particularly affordable housing, and the need to reform the planning system. I believe that I bring with me experience and a passion to get things done and I believe that I can continue to serve the district. Well, I've tried to work hard as a constituency MHK as well over the period, and I hope that I have a track record that people can support.

**Ralph Peake**

Thank you so I am proud to be an MHK and I would certainly offer myself for the next five years, I enjoy being in the Treasury. I enjoy working in the constituency and working in outside in government and as well as outside government. I chair a charity and I also do some work in the environment, so I really want to have a strong vision for the future, it's something that I think the team has actually had a lot of experience over the last few years, and we're now in a perfect place to move forward.

**John Wannenburgh**

Good evening, thank you. I came to the island man almost 30 years ago. I fell in love with the place and since then I've raised my family started a business - so in my book, I owe the other man and what I want to do is to continue to play my part in drawing other people to the island to come and experience our way of life.

**Andy Wint**

Let's start with you then John Wannenburgh, you say you want the economy to recover. We all know why it's taken a big hit in the past 18 months. How do you see the Isle of Man moving forward economically?

**John Wannenburgh**

We've got a mountain to climb, so if I use a mountaineering story. We're currently in the foothills. We need to get to the summits, so we need to plan our routes right? The way to the top and we need to get the best people to help us to do that. So it's going to stage one stage. Two stage three, we need to be meticulous about planning and how we going to get there. Now we need to reinvent ourselves because you know tax proposals coming along. We need to get clever. We need to be innovative and we need to get ahead of the rest of the game.

**Ralph Peak**

We've got the biggest opportunity actually looking at us right now, we're surrounded by natural resources and it's something that can harness those natural resources, turn it into green power. It will create a new industry. We actually reckon we'll have 600 to 1000 jobs created in the Isle of Man storing that energy to use when the wind is not blowing or the sun's not shining. Saw that energy so we can use that and then export it, that will be a new industry for the island and that will help our economic recovery.

**Andy Wint**

do you sense an appetite for offshore or onshore wind?

**Ralph Peak**

The offshore is the place that's much more consistent, the wind blows much more consistent offshore. The area size of just 20% of Max territorial waters and BP had paid the UK government £231 million per year to rent that space to put offshore wind up, now we do that imagine the income we could have, imagine the electricity we could have in the island. We can turn the island into a green energy hub.

**Andy Wint**

How quickly could that happen?

**Ralph Peak**

Well, what first thing to do is we get a consortium of interested parties together that needs to be done by the end of the year of expressions of interest to actually get some interest from oil and gas energy companies that then could be put into legislation next year, and it could actually be starting to work in about 2 years' time.

**David Ashford**

The key is we need to diversify the economy and in order to do that we need to look at new industries. Climate change is most definitely an opportunity, as Ralph's laid out around Tidal as well as wind, and we also should be looking at research centres. The island lends itself to research and development, but also one of the key things is if we're going to create all these jobs, we need people to tell them so that ties in with wider government policy, ensuring that we have affordable housing that were attractive to young people and families because my worry over the next five years is if that's not tackled, then we're not going to get anywhere with economic recovery because we're not going to attract the people in that we need.

**Andy Wint**

Diversifying the economy is a very wide-ranging term, so specifically what sort of industries?

**David Ashford**

So specifically, research and development, certainly I've been away pre Covid. Of course two different seminars and research and development has seen the Isle of Man as a place where they can actually invest and Develop climate change is another one, I think particularly tidal start-ups, we should be encouraging them to enter the island and actually try out technology. And also I think we need to get the support right for existing businesses on Ireland. I don't believe that supports quite right there at the moment because the small businesses are today or the large businesses are tomorrow

**Andy Wint**

We're sitting on a gas field, do you think the government should issue that license for the gas to be a exploited?

**David Ashford**

Well, the license was there with Kroger to actually develop it. It hasn't come off at the moment and I think we need to pause and reconsider, particularly with the climate change agenda if that's the right thing to be continuing.

 **Ralph Peak**

The gas and oil industry are not looking to explore new gas fields. It's quite well understood now that we don't need to get more oil and gas out of the ground, you know there's s enough out there's enough explored what we have is natural resources and it's turning that into energy that is what we've got That's the opportunity we've got surrounded by natural resources, let's do that.

**Andy Wint**

John Wannenburgh, do you think we should go for that gas field?

**John Wannenburgh**

Providing it doesn't interfere with our 2050 net zero targets, I absolutely think we should, yes

**Andy Wint**

Talking of that, the net zero target, how do you think the voter on the street when you've been knocking on doors? Do people engage with the climate change agenda?

**John Wannenburgh**

Certainly one of the two top questions that and they are puzzled like I am when they see new developments in Ballasalla, they don't see any solar panels or water catchment, or you know clean energy boilers going up. It just has been built.

**Andy Wint**

Why do you think that hasn't happened?

**John Wannenburgh**

Well, of course expense will come into that, but you know. Versus the expense of not doing that later in the in. You know, later on it's going to be much more, so I think we should do it. You know, part of being in politics is taking the grasping the nettle. And we need to do it. It's unpopular, we need to do it.

**Andy Wint**

As you say, you're a plain-speaking man, what would you say if you got into Keys, what would your agenda be for something like climate change.

**John Wannenburgh**

Well, back to what I've just said, I would absolutely push that every new development is mandated to do those things to have solar panels water catchment, absolutely.

**Andy Wint**

And what about retrofitting solar panels?

**John Wannenburgh**

That's very much more expensive, isn't it? And it's a lengthy process. You don't even look at Williston what's going through now, and they're not even doing that. Some people have been at their houses for a year and a half, and that's unacceptable. So much, much easier, much more organized to do it before.

**Ralph Peak**

Yep, building control regulations need to change straight away, and that's been a failing of the last government.

**Andy Wint**

Don't you feel though, that the public get this they understand. And it and do you feel that you're pushing an open door the absolute.

**Ralph Peak**

Yeah, they absolutely do, yeah, pushing up door and it's been the infighting in the Council ministers that have not put that at the heart of the agenda. And that's the one failing of this government.

**David Ashford**

I do agree that building control regulations need to be reviewed, I disagree on the fact it's fighting within councillor ministers that's actually hell it up. There's been a review on going around the building regulations and hopefully that will come to fruition early in the next administration, but one of the things I would say is with the climate change agenda is we do have to be careful with what we do. I fully agree with what's been said about ensuring solar panels insulation, but we can be very quickly talking 10s of £1,000,000 of investment in public money and we need to be sure that what we focus on are the things that are deliverable now. We don't want to be going down the route of technologies that we don't know necessarily will be the future. So solar panels, insulation, yes, or going down the other routes that are not yet necessarily defined worries make because I think the climate change agenda could become very expensive very quickly.

**Andy Wint**

What do you think about electric cars and government subsidies for electric cars on the green agenda?

**David Ashford**

So in terms of subsidies for electric cars, I mean, I mean, available might disagree with me on this. I'm not sure electric cars necessarily are the future, and this hydrogen and various things that are coming online, we need to be very careful the way I always describe it. It's a bit like the 1980s debate around VHS and beta Max. Everyone thought Beta Max was going to be the future, there was a large amount of investment put in and VHS ended up coming through, so we just need to be careful where we're investing our money

**Ralph Peak**

I do disagree with David on that because electric cars are perfect for the Isle of Man. You can have a range of 100 miles, and that's for an older car. New cars now got 203 hundred miles range. It's perfect for the Isle of Man.

**Andy Wint**

To electric or hybrids.

**Ralph Peak**

Electric because it's only 20% of your running costs. Why would you want a petrol vehicle when you can have 20% your running costs in electric?

**John Wannenburgh**

Listen, I'm an internal combustion fan, like cars.

**Andy Wint**

You're like vintage cars as well then.

**John Wannenburgh**

I do I do, yeah. And I haven't bought a new car. Yeah, so all cars, but let's say for things like that, I do think electric costs if we all have one and we going to charge them all, And who's going to power it?

 **Andy Wint**

Do you think the government and again I come back to this that the public seem to get the climate agenda they seem to get electric hybrids. They understand. Do you think government needs to make it easier for people to charge cars? I mean the what are they talking about on the prominent 12?

**John Wannenburgh**

And now would be the ideal time to do it, but you're asking too much. We need to make sure that the island does have enough charging points because I think electric cars, as Ralph says it is the way forward here, but it's not, you know, demonize the motorists because you know we have a strong heritage, history of motor sports here. We need to look at that as well.

**Andy Wint**

 As you brought the promenade up, what's your view on the promenade?

**John Wannenburgh**

It's not very good. We wasted a lot of money there and I feel very much for the people who have restaurants and hotels along the promenade. I think we failed them as a government.

**Andy Wint**

This all happened during Covid, can you cut them any slack?

**John Wannenburgh**

No, absolutely not, why would I? Get the job done.

**David Ashford**

Yeah, in terms of the promenade. I mean they did come up against some issues that were unexpected, as in when they dug down a lot of the services and things haven't been changed since the 1930s. They found for instance, electricity mains and everything else they didn't know what they were feeding, turned out to be, andthat meant they had to pause, but what I was going to say Andy is. I do fully agree that there were things that were avoidable. So for instance, one of the things was the times of shutting the walkway in front of certain shops when it was DOI was planning to do them for the summer when of course people need access, and that's the time when the shops make the most business, when it should have been winter. So I do think that there should have been better planning around the timing of when certain works were done.

**Andy Wint**

Ralph Peak, as a Douglas MHK are you proud of the prom?

**Ralph Peak**

well the one good thing that's come out this problem, our project is the fact that there's going to be a centralized capital projects team. That's going to focus on anything over £3 million. It's not for the departments to work on projects over £3 million. They don't have the skills to do that that's been demonstrated with the NSC, St Mary's School, the promenade and now the Liverpool landing stage.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think the horse trams will go to the sea terminal?

**Ralph Peak**

That's for the next administration.

**Andy Wint**

You think they should?

**Ralph Peak**

I I'm quite happy with the proposed garden is it, the lane garden.

**Andy Wint**

Well at the moment they go to Castle Mona Ave and there there's space there for them to go to the C terminal, where historically they've always gone. Do you think you think they should go? Well, I I'm happy I'm happy for them to stop at the Sefton, but we'll, we'll see what it's like when it's finished OK.

**John Wannenburgh**

Many years I worked at the Palace Hotel and I watched that horse tram come up and down empty more times than I care to remember, and I think it's the right thing what they've done.

**David Ashford**

I think they should go the full length of the promenaded. I was one of the Douglas councillor that voted for Douglas Council to give up the horse trams, but I think I think it's pointless having them to the Sefton, I don't think people are going to go up the prom to get onto the horse tram just to go up to the horse tram station. If you're going to do that, you may as well get rid of them to be honest.

**Andy Wint**

OK, do you think the government got the will for it to happen?

**David Ashford**

Well, there's already a vote in Tynwald for it to happen, and that was what the proposals that Tynwald actually approved was for them to go the full length down to the sea terminal.

**Andy Wint**

I want to talk about the Isle of Man being an international island, there was a question in from a lady called Muriel who said should the Isle of Man give it point .7% of GDP as international aid, as recommended by the United Nations.

**Ralph Peak**

Yes, I think that's a good thing to do, I think it shows that we're considerate of other situations. In the world, it's much easier, and it's much more responsible of us to help more people in their countries than it is having that subject or trying to actually get people to the island because we haven't got their legislation. We haven't got the infrastructure and that would actually, I believe, be in a worse situation.

**John Wannenburgh**

I think by and large it is the right thing to do, but as long as we've got hungry school kids and a food bank on the Isle of Man and I think we need to review that.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think we should take Afghan refugees?

**John Wannenburgh**

Yes, I do.

**Andy Wint**

OK, you've been involved with the charity for many years for the children of Chernobyl, haven't you as well, which is given the Isle of Man, an international profile, and do you think as an international finance centre that helps us? I mean bluntly, in terms of PR, the fact that we do good in other countries.

**John Wannenburgh**

Of course, yeah. It's very important that you know if we want to stand at all and be a global player when you know when it comes to our finance centre or any gaming hub, then you know in Africa we have a saying, if you're in a walk with the lions, you're going to not pee like a Pussycat, yeah?

**David Ashford**

In terms of the 0.7%. Yes, I do believe we should be working towards that. I think it will take a number of years to get there. It's not going to happen overnight in terms of the Afghan refugees. I don't believe we're set up to be able to give them the support that they need. That's my big concern. The recent report by the World Health Organization pointed out that an awful lot of the refugees because of what they've been through, need mental health and neurological support. The level of support is support we don't offer on island. We actually send our own citizens to the UK when they have that level of need, so we'd be bringing refugees in, only to send them away to the UK to then receive treatment, which surely destroys the point of trying to settle them within a community.

**Andy Wint**

Would it not be warm hearted of us to take some?

**David Ashford**

Well, the way I put it is the Isle of Man has a very big heart with a small nation with a big heart. But we have to think the practicalities of not just how it looks for the island taking them in, but what support can we actually offer these individuals themselves? And my concern is with us not having the support networks in place, was not being able to access the UK budgets for support, including the NHS side of things we are actually going to be letting them down.

**Andy Wint**

I'm glad you brought up mental health because some that's something that's come up enormously are when we've been talking to people certainly on the Mannin Line show, Ralph Peak there's talk about mental health crisis, how bad do you see it?

**Ralph Peak**

I I've got quite a lot of experience in this area and I've chaired a charity now for four years and it's quick.

**Andy Wint**

You're involved with Quing?

**Ralph Peak**

It is, that's right, so I've been the chair of Quing for four years, and we've seen a big uptake to be honest, but. It's not surprising - probably mental health hasn't delivered in the past and there's been a lot of criticism around that, and you can either criticise or you can actually get on and try and do something and that's certainly what Graham Clucas, who was founder of the charity and I was happy to support him with that. And that's four years now, and what the therapeutic community model is, it's about helping people to help themselves. So it's about building on the strengths they've got. It's about respecting people. It's about trying to help them and get that level of understanding so they can start to understand what their trauma or other issues have has happened.

**John Wannenburgh**

You know, back in the 1930s, Nicholas Richardson brought out the Jewish kids from Nazi Germany. There was no discussion if we can take them about mental health and the rest of it. We did the right thing. We just stand up and do the right thing here as well. We sent you know we sent people in invaded Afghanistan. We bombed them for 20 years and then we can stand back and not take them in. That's just immoral.

**Andy Wint**

OK, and in terms of the mental health situation on the Isle of Man, how do you see that?

**John Wannenburgh**

Understaffed under resourced? But more than more than anything else, we need to establish the causes of mental health with its gaming, drugs, drink, or whatever the case is as much as the symptoms?

**Andy Wint**

But obviously you're talking of gaming the Isle of Man relies on the E-gaming industry, so how do we square that circle?

**John Wannenburgh**

Well, they must step up and do the right thing as well. I mean yes we were home to them. We want them, we want their tax dollars. You know, but they've got to take care of their dirty laundry as well.

**Andy Wint**

I mean things like these suicide rates going up. Mainly young males on the Isle of Man where there's responsibility for that lies that., Is that a parental issue, Is it an education issue?

**John Wannenburgh**

It's a society issue. It belongs to all of us. You know it's not just one person, you these are our young people. These are our future. These are our people we need to look after them as a society.

**David Ashford.**

Yes, so in terms of mental health, there's been a lot of work going on in the last few years around joining up children and adult services because there has been a gap there between the two services. There's also work going on to split out the autism pathway from children services, because people with autism at the moment are being lumped into the children mental health service when they shouldn't be. There is more resources being put into mental health, but one of the things I'm very keen on is also engaging with third sector organisations such as Quing to be able to deliver services as well. Along with, I'll listen because government shouldn't have the purvey of thinking where always the right place for people. There's lots of people out there in mental health crisis who don't trust government services, don't want to engage with them, they feel much more comfortable engaging with community services, so we need to get that balance right and ensure that we're engaging and commissioning services out in the community.

**Andy Wint**

We're live tonight at University College Isle of Man, and in the Gill building the new building, where with the candidates for Douglas North, David Ashford, Ralph Peak and John Wannenburgh, Kevin Oliphant-Smith has tested positive for Covid and isn't with us. By the way, there is a pre-election meeting what they used to call requisition meetings and that's Thursday the 16th of September at Williston Primary school. But we're live tonight with the candidates, we will be taking some public questions, but John Wannenburgh affordable housing is something that comes up all the time as well. And what are your thoughts on the affordable housing situation on the element buying houses, that is.

 **John Wannenburgh**

There's no such thing as a first-time buyer scheme. I mean, it might be one in name, but there's not. There's not a real one, you know we need to root and branch review of that. Because our young people are leaving the island man because they can't buy houses, even if they're good full-time jobs and similarly at the top of the chain. The older people can't get can't downsized to bungalows so the whole thing is just stuck.

**Andy Wint**

But how did this happen? Didn't anybody see this coming?

**John Wannenburgh**

Clearly not, you know it's which is why we're here. No, we need more social housing as well. And we need more bungalows. It's not a silver bullet, but we need to start doing things quickly and going back to the first question you asked me. We should start doing it correctly, as in solar panels and the rest of it, you know it's going to be expensive. Of course it is, but this is our future, these are our people. We want to keep them, who's going to pay for our social care in the future who's going to pay for our pensions? Housing is a massive part of that.

**Andy Wint**

You say young people are leaving the element and maybe even not even coming back after university.

**John Wannenburgh**

Yeah, I mean I've got two sons in their 20s, both have gone.

**Andy Wint**

Both and would they be here if they could afford a house well?

**John Wannenburgh**

Certainly one would certainly one word and the other one maybe not.

**David Ashford.**

Yeah, affordable housing is absolutely key to the next five years. I think it's one of the major priorities, the next administration. But when we talk about affordable housing and John's right on this, it normally just looks at first time buyers. It's across the whole piece of housing. So for instance, in terms of affordable housing and first time buyers, the first time buyers scheme was right for its time, but it's now dated, it's not providing what's needed. You only have to look at the amount of investment that's gone down over the years. It was 7 odd million about 10 years ago per year that was being spent on first time buyers. It's now under 1,000,000. The number of houses was has gone down from 86 a year to 19, so it's clearly not working he needs.

**Andy Wint**

How did that slip as a priority?

**David Ashford.**

I think I think it's got mixed up with everything else, and I think the problem is it's not been on the radar and it should have been to be perfectly frank, I think that we need a mix of schemes because the world has moved on. We've got to stop trying to do things like for affordable housing with one size fits all we need a mix of things like shared equity, rent to buy schemes, a traditional first-time buyer scheme, a traditional loan scheme, and even the ability for people to purchase plots to build their own home. It needs to be a full mix, but equally at the other side of the market and John touched on this, there's the inability of people to downsize because there's not the bungalows. There's not the land at the moment for them to do so, we need to be encouraging those kinds of developments and affordable prices as well, because people I know who are trying to downsize, they're finding what they're downsizing to is the same cost as the house they're in now, so there's no benefit actually to them. And in terms of social housing, which is also an important part of the mix the last overarching review I can find of social housing was the mid 1980s.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think we should be building social housing?

**David Ashford.**

I believe we should., I think the I think the population does want this – there needs to be moe investment in this, social housing in terms of new builds. And like I say that the numbers in terms of social housing hasn't moved much in the last couple of decades. But the population has, so I think there does need to be more investment in social housing in terms of new builds, and I think also we need to look at what we're doing. And with our existing stock, Williston is here in Douglas North, and there's been the refurb of Williston, which personally, I think has worked in some ways, but not in others, and people have been out of their houses far too long. There's been people going back into the houses is still with issues and problems, and I think we need to get a grip of the social housing issues.

**Ralph Peak**

The social housing has not worked particularly well, the scheme appear not only for the way people are treated, but also the actual build quality. Some issues around dampness there but just going back to the first time buyers scheme it wasn't that long ago when you couldn't actually get the first time buyers schemes away, you actually had to change the covenants around them to actually get them rented out, so things in the housing market do change and do change quite rapidly. The opportunity we've got now is we've got a lot of demand. So take that opportunity, use the land that government got to actually build houses for the future that don't require central heating that are thermally insulated that are, got air source that have got mechanical ventilation so you get real pure air. Have that for house for the future and have that built on government land so the customer then doesn't have to actually buy the land straight away. They can then have at least hold at the start and an option for freehold in the future.

**Andy Wint**

Where would that fit in within the government structure and we will where would that come from , infrastructure?

**Ralph Peak**

You know it needs to actually be not in the departments. It needs to be taken off the departments and it needs to be put as a priority to have houses built for residents. On that land for the future, rather than governments and departments actually saying, or we might want that land for a school. Or you might want this for something else, get it actually get houses on it.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think we're losing young people because they can't buy a house?

**Ralph Peak**

Well yes, some, but there are some that actually now choose and the Isle of Man to actually be their home. So that's the positive news from this, the Manx restart scheme has actually encouraged some university people to actually choose the Isle of Man as their future home. What we need to do is support that by having House of the future available for them.

**Andy Wint**

OK, we've got 5 minutes until we get to the public questions, so I just want a quick whip round, the panel of John Wannenburgh , David Ashford and Ralph Peak and it regards medicinal and recreational cannabis, are you for or against the legalization of medicinal or recreational cannabis?

**John Wannenburgh**

100% full for both. Medicinal or recreational. Both OK.

**David Ashford**

Well, medicinal is already legalized, but there's restrictions on who can prescribe it. But I'm in favour of medicinal cannabis being able to be prescribed at the GP level in terms of recreational. No, I'm not in favour of that because I have seen first-hand as Minister for Health. People who've had us as a gateway drug. But what I am in favour of is decriminalization of small amounts of possession because we're putting a lot of young people through the courts and criminalizing them. For very low levels of possession, and I don't agree with that, but I would not see legalization of all recreational use.

**Ralph Peak**

The medical cannabis. It's a great opportunity. It also will allow people to get for more familiar with it then we can then have it decriminalized, and then we can then look and have an adult conversation about what we can actually do to license it and actually make it as a tax income rather than it being an illegal substance that's just creating devastation and destroying people's lives

**Andy Wint**

I want to talk about tourism Douglas being the gateway to the Isle of Man, John Wannenburgh

involved in tourism at the Palace for many years, how do you see the tourist offering from the Isle of Man at the moment?

**John Wannenburgh**

You know, I don't see much at all.

**Andy Wint**

Do you see any priority from the government when we have departments visit Isle of Man, the Department for Enterprise, or they're trying to pitch the Isle of Man and mentally, we've got Covid, but do you think the other man is going in the right direction?

**John Wannenburgh**

You know they've had a challenging landscape; I'll not deny that. Whether they ignite my fire or anybody else has to come to the Isle of Man, that's debatable, no. Well, we should be different.

**Andy Wint**

So what do you think the Isle of Man could do then? To make it more appealing, I mean more hotels, better hotels or cruise ships?

**John Wannenburgh**

Critically, so yes, certainly better stock of hotels and guest houses, especially cruise ships. And cruise ships is definitely a booming industry. Taking off my other son who wouldn't buy a house isn't involved in that. And there's lots of incremental spend when the tourists come to the Isle of Man, but going back to the original point is we need to up our game. We need to be more than just a quiet seaside town.

**Ralph Peak**

It's about really trying to having everything outlined so you've got one clear message and I don't think. We're actually putting out one clear message at the moment. We've got, as you mentioned, different departments, different messages. We've got a work permit system. We've got Visit Isle of Man you've got tourism it wants we one clear message. We're open for business. We want to play on our strengths the beautiful countryside we've got the space we've got it's not about actually just building a hotel or actually expect them to come. It's about trying to have a clear message to attract the people that would like and want to come to the Isle of Man.

**David Ashford**

Let's be brutally honest. Tourism is being paused for 18 months with the pandemic. And I think now is an ideal time to hit the reset button. I think one of the things that we need to focus on is ensuring that people can book packages. There's been some work going on in DFE around that over the last few years, but I think there's further to go what people don't want to have to do in this day and age is book a hotel, then book the events. They're going to go to book their travel. They want to be able to do all in one go, and I think we need to be offering the port and the facilities. For them to be able to do that, the Isle of Man has upped its international reputation over the last couple of years. As the UK is seeing a lot more people holiday and closer to home and we should be focusing on the UK market and also the Republic of Ireland market around Staycation's because as part of that group within the common travel area and I think there's a huge marketplace there and we need to be going out and actually targeting that market.

**Andy Wint**

OK, we're halfway through our debate tonight with the candidates three out of four Kevin Oliphant-Smith has Covid at the moment, so won't be with us, so now it's time to open the debate to members of the audience and from some audience questions.

**Frank Shingle**

I'm one of the Douglas councillor. My question goes back to that you mentioned electric cars. I'm a big petrol head and you might remember I've fought against the speed limit and I love cars and motoring. I write about cars, but even a petrol it like me has now switched to an electric car because it's so much cheaper and nicer. And looking at the industry and at the moment it's the biggest motor show going happening in Munich. It used to be called motor show, now it's called a mobility show, so there are big changes on the horizon. I suspect they will come much faster than we suspect, not just 20-30. What do the candidates think? What kind of mobility trends should the Isle of Man embrace? To go away from just the choice between a car or very expensively run public transport. And should we do more to attract new types of mobility and have them try it out here like self-driving cars like roads that can charge a car while it drives on it? So what should we embrace and should we try out more of.

**Ralph Peak**

it's about taking the opportunities that present itself and unfortunately, government haven't. That's been good at that in the in the past we've heard about the rumours about having the opportunity to have self drive cars here on the island. Have it tested here. We didn't pick that up.

**Andy Wint**

So was that a rumour, or was it fact?

**Ralph Peak**

Well, I, I think it was pretty well fact. Actually yes. There was n opportunity, so it's taken that, I do agree with the gentleman. EV's are perfect for them and they really are. And like the gentleman said, I to my interest was motor sport when I was a lot younger. So I totally get petrol vehicles, but it's really enjoyable and it's the future for electric vehicles because it's as you said, it's so quiet it's so enjoyable and it's actually costing you a fifth of what it costs in a petrol car.

**David Ashford**

Yeah, I mean I think we should be embracing new things, but I worry. But these things might need government investment into them. And we need to be investing in technologies. We know that work so we don't end up wasting 10s of 1,000,000 in relation to electric cars as well. One of my concerns about the climate change agenda is we don't end up with a 2 speed society with those who can afford to do things, and those that can't. There's a cost that comes with switching to electric cars and if we are going to go down that route, we mentioned subsidies earlier on. I think it needs to be quite fundamentally looked at as if that is the route we're going down what we do to be able to support people to make that choice because not everyone can just go out and switch their vehicle and change to an electric car. And the last thing I want to say and it is a real concern of mine, which I focus on in my manifesto. I don't want to see a 2 speed climate change society.

**John Wannenburgh**

Undeniably it is the way the future electric cars. But to go with that we need to have the right infrastructure and that's the charging points, and that's the capability of the electricity to be there. Whether or not that's going to be there in 20-30 or not, I don't know, but I think definitely it is the way the future. But we shouldn't again demonize you know normal cars either.

**Andy Wint**

You said that twice now, do you think this government anti car?

**John Wannenburgh**

It's going in that direction yes, you know, as long as I'm paying a lot of money on my car tax then I should have decent roads and much more.

**Andy Wint**

OK, and also if you if we're talking about commercial vehicles and lorries, they're hydrogen, they're not electric, are they as well. The big ones are hydrogen, is that right, Ralph?

**Frank Shingle**

There are electric and hydrogen trucks coming, yeah, but I also think it's important to note that the price of EVs even without subsidies is coming down. One of the big mass market manufacturers, a German firm we shall not name has today actually brought out their entry level model that will be marketed for less than €20,000. So about 15 grand for brand new family sized car. So I think this revolution that we anticipated 2040 is going to come within your next term. We will need a heck of a lot more charging points than we have right now.

**Andy Wint**

OK OK alright, thank you for that.

I'll also say one thing, we'll need a lot more batteries and we're going to get all the heavy metal from right so?

**David Gawn**

My question gentlemen, is recent reports across government, and in particular the Tynwald Select Committee report on poverty, recent evidence from third sector organisations have highlighted serious issues which adversely impact upon the well-being of our island people. For these to be addressed will require a multi-agency approach involving cross government working involving charitable, voluntary and faith organisations. How would the candidates address these?

**Andy Wint**

Could you say that in in one sentence, please? How do you help poor people, is that what it is?

**David Gawn**

Well, yes, but I mean it's not just no. It's not poor people because I think there's a misnomer that those people who are reverting to housing matters and the food bank are poor people and that is just not the case. But we have a number of serious issues which have been highlighted including affordable housing enabling people to feed themselves, mental health a whole raft of things. And this will require government not just to work in silos, but collectively across itself, but also in conjunction with other organisations

**Ralph Peak**

It's a culture change and I'm glad to say that Teresa Cope, new medical director at the hospital she is reaching out and she is finding out what the community assets there are that she can start having charities delivering services the community as David said earlier, not everybody trusts government, so you can't have government delivering anything, so I'm delighted to hear that she is reaching out. She's going to map what there is in the community and then fit those acute services above that. That's the culture change that I know.

**Andy Wint**

Is the need getting deeper worse? I mean there's a is there more demand for it?

**Ralph Peak**

It's becoming more aware, so whether it's getting worse, that's perhaps a different measure. But the great thing is that people are able to talk about it more, so it's becoming more aware. So it may feel as though it's getting worse, but I think the great thing is that people are becoming more aware about it, and that's then you can deal with it. It's when you hide it, that's when the problems find.

**Andy Wint**

Is there one single way to solve it or?

**Ralph Peak**

Culture absolutely culture change. Wanting to do it so rather than actually trying to do everything in government, try and do everything to the department as though you're actually going to do things to people all the time, you actually do it with them, so you actually change your culture. Put your egos to one side and actually work with the people who know best.

**David Ashford.**

Well, the key to it is that dreaded phrase joined up Gov. I've always been a supporter of single legal entity, as David knows because we have got department silos and we need to break that down and we need to work across departments and engage with third sector organisations as Minister for Health over the last nearly four years now I think I've got a record of trying to engage with third sector organisations and bring them on board. We need to within government, be commissioning third sector organisations to deliver services because they are closer to the needs on the ground, but I think also we need a fundamental review of the benefit system. Again, the benefit system hasn't really been looked at and overhauled since again the 1980s. It's been added to with various components, but I believe we need to go back to basics because there is fundamentally something wrong when we have people who can't access adequate housing. And we have people who need to access a food bank. That to me suggests there is a failing somewhere in that support system and we need to drill down and actually work out where the basics are and what we need to fix. And the people who are best to be able to do that for us is the third sector, because they have that contact with the people on the ground. They are trusted by them and they, I believe, are the ones that will be able to be able to come forward and deliver the change on.

**John Wannenburgh**

I'm not sure I can add on much more than what David and Ralph has said, but you know, as long as we get a Society of having have nots is going to be feeling of disposition by a lot of people.

**Andy Wint**

The impression by lots of people if you talk to anybody from off the Isle of Man, 9 times out of 10 they think the Isle of Man is full of eccentric millionaires. So how can we have a section of society that isn't well off, how have we got to this stage you think?

**John Wannenburgh**

You know how we got to that stage? I think I think some people have been taking advantage of, you know. It's difficult for me to sit here and tell you why we come to that stage, but here we are. And it's not made of looking back how you come here, it's how we get out of here.

**Peter Washington**

All three of you have been out canvassing and quite well aware of up in Douglas North we have a large selection of tenants renting from either social housing or from a private rental, and you're all aware of the issues that have been posed by these tenants. What's your solution to this crisis that we've got with tenants?

**Ralph Peak**

Working closely with Douglas borough That's the biggest thing we can do. Actually, to and that hasn't worked in the past. There's been some meetings, but that want to actually deliver needs to be there, and I do believe new set of councillor we can actually do that now. The boundaries have now been changed to align, so the constituents for MHK's and councils will be the same, so it's the same group of people and it's having the want to actually deliver a better future.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think there are issues with private landlords? Even a minority of private landlords well. There will be some issues with some private landlords. There will be some great private landlords. I think you know we can.

**Andy Wint**

What was your view on, I mean, the landlord bill got thrown out so. And obviously that wasn't even going to apply to public sector housing as well. So do I mean, do you think that landlord Bill should come back?

**Ralph Peak**

Er yes.

**David Ashford**

Yeah, I mean. In relation to, let's say, let's look at the social housing first and the Williston estate up here. I think engagement with Douglas Council is key, but it shouldn't be one-way engagement government should be listening to the Council as well. I think that's been a problem in the past. I I was a Douglas councillor for 8 1/2 years and I was chairman of the Housing Committee for four, four of those, and in relation to it I found the government wasn't always receptive. So for instance, when the Williston scheme started, one of the things that was suggested was off street parking, because a lot of the front gardens aren't utilized anyway, that was rejected by government. And there was a suggestion around knock down and rebuild to try and solve some of the problems that was rejected as well. So I think it's about engaging with the Council, but it needs to be a two-way conversation. And again, I'm not sure that the local government unit sitting in DOI is the best place for it. I think it should be in a more central function, like Cabinet Office where you've got a higher, you know you've got a higher level of engagement that could take place in terms of private rentals. There are some bad private rental rentals out there, and I'm aware of that. But I don't think we should be tarring all landlords with the same brush. But what we need to do is we need to make sure that we target those that aren't the landlord and tenant act that came forward actually did some of those changes that did go through in Tynwald and I actually think that going forward, we they need to look at what support we can put in place.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think you mentioned Douglas Council and we that may be better with the new Council, but did the government take Douglas Counsel seriously before?

**David Ashford**

Well, I think the problem's been there's been, I mean my experience. I can only speak from my experience both as an MHK, and when I was a Douglas councillor is to be honest. Government wasn't always quick at responding. I remember days when I used to be chairman of Housing and Douglas Council. We were raising issues around the Williston scheme and it was taking weeks for people to come back. You were putting designs in and then you were hearing nothing for months and then they'd say no. Actually we want that tweaked and the whole thing got held up. So I think it's got to be a proper adult conversation with both parties actually recognizing that you know they're both equal partners. And I don't think that a quality of relationship has always been there.

**John Wannenburgh**

David talks about a two-way conversation council and central government, but it should be a 3 way conversation. These residents need to be consulted, engaged with as well. I'm not sure they have and the people I've spoken to in there and I've locked in pretty much all those doors. They feel a little bit out of the loop. You know, sometimes they give us for refurbishment, and they get the house back. It looks very nice but there's lots of damp and weird. Before there was no damp, you know these people need to be listened to. They're human beings. They live there. They would know better than anybody else wat needs to be done.

**Andy Wint**

What's the atmosphere like it or the sentiment around Williston, is you say you've been knocking on an awful lot of doors?

**John Wannenburgh**

Yeah, well first of all the length of time it takes far too long and lady I spoke the other day 14 months. She's out of the house, it's unacceptable, unacceptable.

**Andy Wint**

And what do you, as a prospective politician say to her?

**John Wannenburgh**

Welcome home.

**Janet Tomaney**

Hi, I'm Janet – what do the candidates think what's your opinion on local authority reform as in the site or the amount of local authorities that there are on the Island?

**Ralph Peak**

It's a great opportunity to actually try and get some of those services more effectively delivered. I think you can have a number of instances around the island where services have been duplicated, not effectively delivered. It's great time now to actually bring that in and to bring some. Give the opportunity that people in the constituents what do they actually want their local authority to do? What do they want to be delivered? What do they actually want to pay for by where their rates and some of these services can be delivered centrally? I know good - Douglas tried to that a few years ago, but they didn't actually succeed in doing hat.

**Andy Wint**

do you think there should be fewer local authorities around the Isle of Man?

**Ralph Peak**

Well, we can ask the constituents you know, do you actually want your local authority to do XY or Z or joint your authority to have some housing? Ask the constituents and then you can actually get a landscape of what you actually.

**John Wannenburgh**

Yes, I think there should be 4 + 1. And I think of those 4-5 authorities, I think certainly central government should devolve some responsibilities directly to them, such as first stage planning such as road maintenance, not for them to do it, but for them to be the first people in in line.

**Andy Wint**

So they would know, do you think the Isle of Man is over governed? Are there are too many politicians?

**John Wannenburgh**

Yes, I do think that.

**Andy Wint**

And which section and politicians, if you could, would you take out?

**John Wannenburgh**

I'd cut the legislative council in half.

**Andy Wint**

Would you make it directly elected or as it is at the moment?

**John Wannenburgh**

No, I'd leave it how it is. It's the best system at the moment. It's not perfect, but it's the best. And more than that, I wouldn't make them in any departments they'll be scrutineering only nothing else, so not members of department.

**David Ashford.**

Well, my view is very much been on public record for this for 15 years old. I'm always willing to restate my views, Andy, it should be 5 local authorities. The island north, South East, West, and Douglas that would allow local authorities of a decent size where services uhm, can actually be devolved. I would also mean some of the rates being more equal as well because they would have authorities of a size that included towns, villages rather than small local authorities. We have now that to be frank, don't have to provide any services, so have a complete inequality in the rate and in terms of centralization services, I believe government doesn't need to central it decentralize. And down to local authorities that will be an opportunity to do so. One of the reasons decentralization has failed is because they can't decentralize to all local authorities. Some of them, such as Bride and the small authorities they can't take on main services, so we need to address that. I brought a motion to Tynwald in 2017 to try and get a committee to look into it. It failed, unfortunately, but I'm still on the bandwagon for the campaign to actually get local authority reform.

**Ralph Peak**

The problem with that is we're then tempted to tell people what to do and that's what we should do if we can ask the constituents, do they just want their let's say Ballaugh for instance, do they actually just want their counter Commissioners to actually just look after a number of small things and a larger Council area could then look after larger things. Let's not tell people what that's going to happen to them. Let's listen to what their constituents want.

**Andy Wint**

How quickly can things like this happen? Because politicians, everyone knows everyone hearing this, they hear politicians promise things, but how quickly could something like that actually happen?

**Ralph Peak**

Well, you gotta promise to put the effort in. That's the thing you gotta then get a team of people together to actually get something through. So that's the hard work there is, it's putting a time and it's again. There's just plugging something out of the air, but where there's a will to do it. If you're actually going to listen to your constituents and honestly put the effort in and then you get a group of people to deliver.

**Andy Wint**

OK, any more questions from the audience there?

**Peter Washington**

Yeah, public transport free for all the time. What do you think?

**John Wannenburgh**

I think city for schoolchildren, it should be free at all times and I think looking back again over the promenade, I think the wise thing to do would have been to make it free so early in morning rush and afternoon rush for everybody.

**Andy Wint**

do you think big buses or lots of small buses? Because obviously big buses cost a lot of money and half the time go around empty, that's right.

**John Wannenburgh**

Like horse trams.

**Andy Wint**

So, so you say free for schoolchildren?

**John Wannenburgh**

Yes, I do, in term time.

**Ralph Peak.**

Well, I think something does need to change because it's certainly costing the taxpayer a lot of money and what service we get and we got a service that seems to change every year. Yes, I would actually go for free public transport to see if that works, because we want to get people out of the car and on public transport.

**Andy Wint**

OK, one green solution that would be is to bring back light rail to the Isle of Man. How feasible do you think that is?

**Ralph Peak.**

I think you'll be better off with free public transport on buses rather than trying to invest in a new train.

**David Ashford**

Well, as the member of the panel who actually doesn't drive, so users public transport and could I actually say I?

**Andy Wint**

Do you have a car parking space in government buildings but right?

**David Ashford**

No, I don't – no. I don't pay for things I don't need Andy but I think the full I don't think it should be free all the time. I think there's already a deficit on the service and you just make it. First, I think there's more fundamental issues with public transport. The timetables, if anyone goes to use them, there are lots of pretty colours, but you need a Mensa degree to try and work out where your bus is coming. When you've got all the various letters and everything after it as well, I certainly it puzzles me and I think we need much more simplified timescale. And also the fact that at the moment all the different routes they go like wagon trains around different estates, there's no sense to the routes that are there and they try. You know there's an attempt to force all the southern routes via the airport. All of the other routes round the hospital. Actually, what we should be doing is developing Lord Street and having a proper form a bus station. Where people use that as a changing hub and we have shuttle buses running say every 20 minutes to the airport and up to the hospital, that would make much more sense if you have a valid ticket then you can use the shuttle bus for free rather than trying to force all these different routes that actually look like they're a wagon train out of some cowboy film.

**Frank Shingle**

We have recently learned that the previous administration, which was tasked with reducing the size of government, has somehow actually managed to increase its size. How are the panellists planning to actually reduce the number or the size of government or make it more efficient?

**Andy Wint**

Well, Mr Wannenburghreferred to this waste in government and trimming down government.It was going to be smaller now it's bigger what he thought.

**John Wannenburgh**

Yeah, as I said, it's a dereliction of duty as to what's happened to have 520 more people against the backdrop well, against the backdrop of technology replacing grab jobs to have 8.6 people employed every month for 60 consecutive months. I think it's absolutely outrageous. And how do we stop it? We put a moratorium on all government hire immediately, except for Manx Care and Department of Health, and then we start cutting. Not nice, but that's what politics is you're going to grasp that nettle. You know we can't afford this.

**Andy Wint**

And you'd be happy to look people in the face and say your jobs going.

**John Wannenburgh**

Without blinking.

**Ralph Peak**

Government needs to stop doing things. It it's quite happy to take things on now, oK COvid, we appreciate that extra staff has been taken on we've got a great 111 service, you could go on. There's extra roles being created there, and that's sure partly the reason why we've got 520 people, but the way to tackle it is to stop delivering all these services. Why has the government got a wildlife park? Why have we got leisure facilities? This is not core public services.

**Andy Wint**

Do you think the government should sell the Villa Marina?

**Ralph Peak**

I think the government should get out of the things that aren't core public services and actually enable private sector to deliver customer focused services.

**Andy Wint**

So what things like you say, the wildlife park, NSC, Villa Marina, Gaiety Theatre.

**Ralph Peak**

Yes, start with leisure, absolutely. When government an expert in leisure?

**David Ashford**

When it comes to government, headcount and government, and government headcount growing, it's always very popular and very easy to say slash it back. Government shouldn't be growing and to think of all these posters being backroom civil service posts of people sockets at in dark, dusty officers. Let's look at some of the growth. That's actually government seen that makes up those numbers. So 54 or the number of Covid. response contact tracing 111 and TNS that are there for the Covid response. I'd assume no one would want them actually going at the currently moment. You've got 7 climate change transformation posts that are helping to move forward. The climate change out of that gender. There's 23 roles within the police force that a relation to neighbourhood policing, etc. I assume nobody would want them caught, and there's actually 105 frontline health roles that have been created in the last five years, including Family Placement service, A&E roles, acute medical care, care of the elderly and 18 roles in adult social care. Now I assume no one is saying they should go because they're all frontline roles, but what I would say again is the key to government and it does need a look at the overall headcount, is single legal entity. We need to have things that aren't duplicated in departments, and one of those is actually the capital project unit. We need to have a centralized capital project unit rather than duplicating that in every single department.

**Andy Wint**

And which part of government could enforce or come up with a scheme like that?

**David Ashford**

Well, I I think we need to be using Cabinet Office to be frank.

**David Gawn**

We've had a great debate on national issues which is absolutely essential, and we need to address all of these things and we need to look at the economy, we need to look at our responsibilities to the wider world, but I want to come to something which is more of a parochial issue and. Which is quite an emotive one. In certain parts of the constituency, as evidenced by 2-3 local meetings and that is do the, do the panel think that the response to the reconstruction of Tremode Rd is proportionate and appropriate to what is actually required.

**John Wannenburgh**

No, I don't think it's proportionate at all. First of all, I don't think there's been enough engagement with these stakeholders and primarily Tremode park people. If that road is going to be used as an access Rd for a development which they're talking about than be upfront and turn, that's what the case is. But to alter the integrity of that road to accommodate people who live in Bride, Ramsey and anywhere else around the island to come make it a thoroughfare not accessible. That road is an integral part of Tremode, Promote it, it should not be a rat run.

**David Ashford**

No is the simple answer. I don't believe it's proportionate. In fact, I'd actually go as far as to say it's ludicrous. What's proposed at the moment? There's a bus stop to absolutely nowhere, and there's a cycle lane that's going to be mixing with pedestrians that cyclists have said to me. They feel is too dangerous to use, which goes to nowhere as well, and this is the problem it seems to be every scheme that comes forward, shove a cycle lane in. Don't think of where it starts or where it joins up to, just shove it in. And I think actually the bigger thing with Tremode Rd is fix the actual road and fix the road. The wall where this potential flooding might with my cynical hat on, I think this is to do with the development that's going to go on down there, and it's about trying to get a bigger road for higher volume of traffic. So no as it stands, I don't support the scheme and I don't believe there's been. Anywhere near enough engagement with residents. In fact I couldn't make it to the presentation unfortunately, because I was only told on the day. I think there was. But my blood from people who were there, what I've heard of is it was done as a done deal. It wasn't an attempt to consult with residents, it was he is a presentation, doesn't it? Look pretty. This is what's going to happen. And that's not the way residents should be engaged with.

**Ralph Peake**

Yes, David and I were omitted from that list there for the first meeting, which was a shame. It's the start of a process. What we want is a Co creation, so that's great. Now that we've got the community engaged in this. Active travel is obviously a way forward. It's not for everybody, but now we've got some engagement. It's taking that engagement honestly and genuinely and then working together on a solution that's best for Tremode.

**Andy Wint**

How big do you think that development should be?

**Ralph Peake**

Well, again, the feedback needs to come from the residents what the residents are and what the future I don't think this is actually meant to be a back door for another development. It is around active travel, but it's just the start. It's the start of an engagement with the consultation, the general consultation with the public.

**Andy Wint**

OK, well we're coming to that time where each candidate will now be given one minute to address the audience, the audience on the radio and around the world at in the podcast and on the video and to the audience here at University College, Isle of Man.

**Andy Wint**

First candidate to speak for a minute is David Ashford.

**David Ashford**

I've enjoyed my five years representing Douglas North. I believe there's huge challenges ahead, and I believe we need a mix of new thinking and experience. I actually bring myself forward not just as a national politician, but someone who can also represent at a local level. I believe I have a track record in both. I've been minister and health and social care for the last four years. I've not been afraid to take on what some people described as the toughest job in government, and I if I was re-elected I would continue to fight for my constituents and also play a part on the national stage. I believe it's important that we do have that mix of blend of experience and that's what I think I bring to the table.

**Ralph Peake**

I've enjoyed my last five years and I would certainly look forward to another five years. I think we've learned an awful lot in the last couple of years. The Treasurer role has given me experience in Social Security, Customs and Excise and how we can actually deliver a better service for people. What we want going forward now. Is a strong vision a vision that includes green energy, a just transition to affordable energy that we can then all enjoy having clean air, air and a calmer, nice place to live, thank you.

**John Wannenburgh**

Yeah, the last five years I've seen this government spend an awful lot of money. Not all would be very for money. The last two years we've all been ravaged by Covid. Not all government support has been there for businesses and people, So what I can bring is not years of experience in the Keys of the Council, and I can't regurgitate figures and facts for you. But what I bring is determination to get things done. I bring commitment to all my constituents that I will absolutely champion their cause as if it was my own. But more than anything else, when I bring is 100% authenticity. What you see is what you. Get and I will work very hard for my constituents.

**Andy Wint**

OK, thank you John Wannenburghand I'm going to go to every candidate now for just.A very brief moment and that is.How would you exhort people?How would you tell people that their vote is worth casting alphabetically?

**David Ashford**

Well, I think democracy is very, very important. It's central to our system and the basic fact is whatever happens on election night, you're going to end up with two people who have been elected, and I think it's important as many people go out as possible and actually express their view. If people believe that my ideas and my manifesto is something to vote for, then please come out and vote for me. If not, go out and vote for one of the other candidates, but if you don't actually express your view, then effectively you're not going to be heard.

**Ralph Peak**

Absolutely, so it wants to be one of wanting to do this so we can actually work together with this. So the constituent has a role to play in this and has an influence. So go out and actually use your vote wisely.

**John Wannenburgh**

Yeah, your vote is your voice, and in this case the pen is mightier than the sword.

**Andy Wint**

Ok, now we're at Douglas North tonight. Tomorrow we're going to be at the Pinewood in Pulrose, Pinewood community for Douglas South on Thursday, it'll be the shore in Laxey for Garth and on Friday will be at Peel Golf Club or for Glenfaba and Peel. And next week will be at the Mitre in Ramsey Monday the 13th. The 15th will be a Douglas rugby club for Middle. On the 16th it'll be Ocean Views in Onchan, the 20th at the Bay in Port Erin for Rushen, and the 21st at Seven Kingdoms for Douglas Central. Ladies and gentlemen, thanks for being with us tonight at University College Island Man, a gorgeous evening. I thank you for coming inside thanks to our candidates. David Ashford, Ralph Peake and John Wannenburgh. We hope Kevin Oliphant-Smith and wife Christy have a nice baby girl next month and thank you ladies and gentlemen.Thanks for being with us here at University College, Isle of Man.