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MY MANIFESTO

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Manifesto for Onchan

Isle of Man General Election 2026

A Clear Commitment to Onchan

I am standing as a candidate for Onchan because I believe our community deserves stronger representation, clearer accountability, and a government that delivers on what it promises.

This is a considered decision. It reflects both my recent experience with the Onchan District Commissioners and a growing concern that, too often, public expectations are not being met in practice.

There is a clear gap between policy and delivery. Decisions are announced with confidence, yet outcomes fall short. Processes that should provide transparency and accountability are not always applied consistently, leaving people unsure how or why decisions have been made.

That has led to frustration and, in some cases, a loss of trust in how government operates.

That cannot continue.

A Fresh Perspective, Grounded in Real Experience

Some will say that I am too young or inexperienced. I do not accept that.

Experience should be judged by delivery, understanding, and the ability to respond to real challenges.

My time with the Onchan District Commissioners has been recent, but it has given me direct insight into how decisions are made, where accountability can be improved, and how those decisions affect residents on a daily basis. I have learnt quickly and taken that responsibility seriously.

It would be wrong to judge my experience on that alone. I also work within a government agency, where I have seen how policy is developed, how decisions are shaped, and where they can fall short when it comes to delivery. Alongside this, my work on a local dairy farm reflects the realities of Island life, where resilience, responsibility, and practical thinking are essential.

This combination matters. It provides both an understanding of systems and a grounded awareness of real world challenges.

What I offer is a fresh approach, not shaped by historic ways of working that are no longer delivering consistently.

Background and Commitment

I am aware of my family's history in public life, but I am not standing on that basis.

What it has given me is an early understanding of responsibility, accountability, and the importance of putting the Island first. It has also shown me the expectations that come with public service and the importance of meeting them.

I am standing on my own merit, with a clear commitment to protect and strengthen the Island for the future.

Restoring Trust Through Delivery

People are not asking for more promises.

They are asking for results.

When policies are introduced but not delivered, trust is lost. When decisions are made without clear explanation, confidence is undermined.

Representation must involve challenge, scrutiny, and a willingness to ask difficult questions when outcomes fall short.

It must also involve consistency, honesty, and a focus on getting things done.

That is the standard I will bring.

My Priorities

Accountability and Transparency

"If it is promised, it must be delivered."

Decisions must be clear, justified, and followed through. I will push for greater transparency in how decisions are made, clearer reporting on what has been achieved, and stronger accountability where delivery falls short. People should not have to question whether commitments have been met.

The public deserves to see progress, understand decisions, and have confidence that outcomes are being monitored and delivered.

Health and Social Care

"Care when you need it, not when the system allows it."

Access to health and social care at the point of need must be reliable, timely, and consistent.

Too often, people experience delays, confusion, or gaps between services. This creates unnecessary stress and undermines confidence in the system.

I will work to improve coordination between services, reduce waiting times, strengthen accountability, and ensure that the system is built around patient need rather than organisational structure.

There is no reason why the Isle of Man should not deliver one of the strongest health and social care systems among comparable small island jurisdictions. That standard should be expected and consistently achieved.

Children and Vulnerable People

"Support must be reliable, not optional."

Supporting and protecting vulnerable people is a core responsibility of government.

I will focus on strengthening safeguarding, improving coordination between services, and ensuring that support is consistent, accessible, and responsive. Families should not have to navigate complex systems to receive the help they need.

Where services fall short, there must be accountability and a clear commitment to improvement.

Education

"Every child deserves the support to succeed."

Education must be inclusive, effective, and focused on outcomes.

I will support high standards across all schools, improved provision for those with additional needs, and a clearer focus on measurable outcomes. Education should prepare young people for the future while ensuring that no one is left behind.

Supporting teachers and staff to deliver consistent, high quality education is also essential.

Farming, Food, and Sustainability

"Support local farmers. Strengthen local food."

Food security is essential to the Island's future.

We must support farmers and local producers, strengthen local supply chains, and reduce reliance on external imports. Encouraging sustainable land use and supporting future generations into farming will also be key.

At the same time, local food must remain affordable and accessible. Supporting local production must benefit the whole community.

Farming is not just an industry. It is part of our identity, our landscape, and our long term resilience.

Pensions and Cost of Living

"Protecting pensioners. Supporting those who need it most."

I support maintaining the Triple Lock Pension, ensuring pensions keep pace with rising costs.

For many retired people, this provides stability, fairness, and financial security. It recognises the contribution made over a lifetime and protects against the impact of inflation and economic change.

I will also support targeted cost of living assistance, including Winter Fuel support, ensuring that those most in need are not left without help.

Migration and Workforce

"The right skills, at the right time, for the Island."

The Island should attract people who bring value and skills that are not readily available locally.

However, this must be managed carefully. Migration should be based on clear demand and aligned with workforce needs, ensuring it supports economic growth without placing unnecessary pressure on infrastructure, housing, or public services.

A balanced, evidence based approach is essential to ensure that growth benefits the Island as a whole.

Economy, Tourism, and Travel

"Make the Island easier to reach, and stronger to live in."

Economic growth requires practical action.

This includes addressing the cost and accessibility of travel, supporting tourism through a clear and coordinated strategy, and encouraging sustainable investment.

Growth must be planned, realistic, and focused on long term benefit rather than short term gain.

Infrastructure

"Plan properly. Invest wisely. Deliver on time."

Infrastructure must keep pace with both current demand and future growth.

I will push for better long term planning, transparent investment decisions, and delivery that reflects the needs of our communities. Roads, services, and public infrastructure must be maintained and improved in a way that supports both residents and the economy.

Government Working Together

"Government should work together, not in silos."

Too often, poor coordination between central government and local authorities leads to inefficiency and poor outcomes.

I will advocate for stronger collaboration, clearer roles and responsibilities, and better alignment between decisions and delivery. A more coordinated approach will lead to better results for residents.

Wider Considerations

Energy and Environment

"No major decisions without proper scrutiny."

The proposed offshore windfarm by Ørsted has raised valid concerns, including visual impact and environmental risks.

While sustainable energy is important, decisions of this scale must be properly assessed, supported by clear evidence, and subject to meaningful public engagement.

Culture and Identity

"Protect our identity while building our future."

The Manx language and cultural heritage are central to who we are as an Island.

As we develop, they must be respected, supported, and maintained. A confident Island protects its identity while continuing to grow and adapt.

A Practical Approach

This is not a manifesto of unrealistic promises.

It is based on a simple principle:

"Less talk. More delivery."

A Commitment to Representation

The people of Onchan deserve representation that listens, challenges, and delivers.

I will:

- Listen to residents and act on their concerns
- Be transparent in decision making
- Challenge where necessary
- Focus on outcomes and delivery

A Final Word

This campaign is about bringing a clear, practical, and forward looking approach to representation.

It is about moving away from ways of working that are no longer delivering consistently, and towards a system that is accountable, effective, and focused on results.

Change is needed.

I believe it can be delivered.

I would value your support.

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