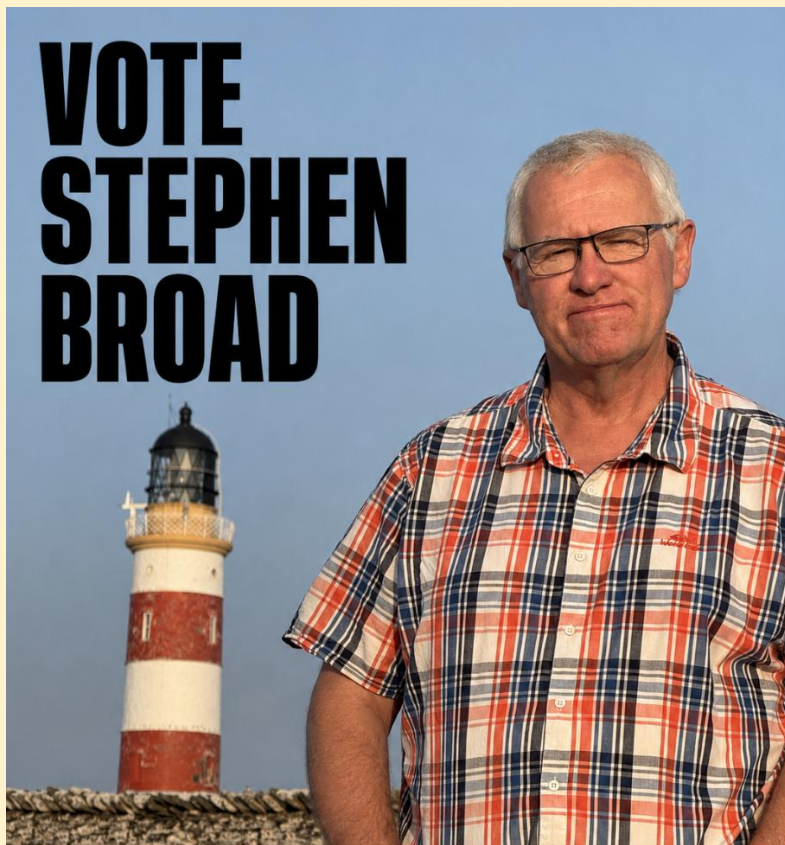


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AYRE & MICHAEL INDEPENDENT

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To my fellow Constituents of Ayre and Michael,

I do not want you to vote for me because I live with my wife and have three dogs, a cat, horses and donkeys. I want you to vote for me because you want to hold Government to account by questioning failure, increasing transparency, scrutinising capital projects and controlling budgets. In short making Government accountable.

I am Manx born and bred and I have lived on the Isle of Man all my life. My supportive wife, Aileen, and I have lived at Ballaberragh Farm, Smeale since 2003. In 1988 I set up my own road haulage business which later expanded to include crane hire. Diverse revenue streams and solid financial management have ensured my business is robust and stable.

I am a great believer in fairness. In 2009 I presented a Petition to Tynwald asking that the Honourable Court enquire into the impact of justice awarding Civil Legal Aid to one side only in family cases in the Isle of Man. A Select Committee was formed and amendments were made to the legislation. A fairer means testing procedure for the issuing of Legal Aid and an independent complaints and appeals process were introduced.

As Chairman of the Island Road Transport Association I was heavily involved in ensuring the Goods Vehicle Operator Regulations were workable and unbiased. An example of one of the achievements was that in the initial proposal all

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Government vehicles would be exempt from the Regulations. This blanket exemption was removed.

Between 2013 and 2019 I spent time and assisted several vulnerable young people to obtain the specialist support they required and achieve positive outcomes following failures in the Manx Education system.

The present Government system is not working. Blindly following the United Kingdom is not the answer. The large scale bureaucracy and complex procedures emanating from Government are stifling our private sector which is the core engine of our economy.

I understand and empathise with many of the issues and frustrations we all have with Government. Failing health care, unmaintained infrastructure, excessive spending on vanity projects, accountability, transparency, overrunning budgets, bureaucracy to mention a few. In my view these are the symptoms. An overpowerful Executive combined with a lack of debate and scrutiny within our Parliamentary system is the cause.

We have to bring scrutiny, transparency, open governance and debate back to Tynwald. Accountability has to be restored. The direction of Government has to come from the people and businesses through the voices of their MHKs not from the Executive.

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The current system of collective responsibility relies on strong leadership who are not afraid to say no. Weak ineffective leadership and collective responsibility result in a Parliamentary process that fails to debate and scrutinise. We cannot continue with the current system whereby the block vote of the Council of Ministers plus the Department Members is so heavily weighted that no other Political Members votes are required to obtain success.

We need a system that says no to ineffective bureaucratic wish lists. We need a system where the majority of the elected representatives agree. We do not need a system where the block vote of weak leadership allows the minority to succeed.

If elected I will advocate for reform to the Parliamentary process that reduces the power of the block vote.

Economy

An economy that relies solely on a dominant public sector results in a centralised command economy, a heavy reliance on government owned enterprises and limited consumer choices.

Government is expanding without producing any measurable value to the taxpayer. The large scale bureaucracy and complex procedures emanating from Government are stifling

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our private sector businesses. In all economies it is the private sector which generates wealth not Government.

In September 2006 there was an Independent Report to the Council of Ministers entitled “*A Review of the Scope and Structure of Government in the Isle of Man*”.

Two paragraphs on page four are particularly pertinent today:

“Change will not happen overnight — indeed we see our recommendations, many of which will require further work, as being introduced on a phased basis and being a medium term blueprint for change. But to be successful there needs to be a positive commitment to the principles of the changes we propose and then those changes will need to be driven. The process of change itself will have to become part of the Government culture.

There is a danger that our recommendations, if misinterpreted, will increase the size of Government rather than reduce it. It is imperative that the public sector should not grow any further — ideally it should diminish or otherwise the Isle of Man Government, in twenty years, will be even more dominant than it already is — and the community will have to work even harder just to support the public sector.”

Twenty years later our Government has grown and the private sector is struggling. As predicted, our community is having to work hard to support the public sector.

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If elected I will dig further into the *“Review of the Scope and Structure of Government in the Isle of Man”* and push for *“a positive commitment to the principles of the changes”* identified.

Budget

The 2026 - 2027 budget of stability, security and confidence made reference to a carefully balanced budget to ensure every pound is used efficiently to support the Island's needs. Treasury figures show outgoings of £1,468.2 million. Expected incomings of £1,469.8 million is made up *“from taxes, charges and other income sources”*. Yet in the same budget the five year financial plan shows in 2026 – 2027 a £76.846 million transfer from reserves. Government is spending £1.47 million per week more than they are earning. Where is the accountability when transfers from reserves have not been highlighted? When transfers from reserves have been utilised how can income and expenditure have been carefully balanced?

I am no accountant but if elected I will seek information from others and hold Government to account by questioning any discrepancies.

Renewable Energy

It is imperative that we have a sustainable energy supply. It is paramount that the public are fully engaged in how a

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sustainable energy supply is secured by making sure the public have chance to;

- explore how a development can bring value to an area
- understand what is proposed
- help shape solutions and to have their say on a scheme
- identify which options would work best within a local context

If elected, for various reasons, I will vote No for the Moir Vannin Windfarm and No for the Cair Vie Windfarm. I will fight for public engagement to produce clearly identified remits and boundaries which must be in place before awarding of tenders for renewable energy projects. The people affected, the communities and the island as a whole must be compensated in an open and transparent manner.

Immigration

Our Island needs controlled immigration so that we can balance our economic needs whilst maintaining border security. Immigration needs to be legal, controlled and beneficial to the economy. As part of visa applications Government must consider the impact of the overall picture not just the needs of the visa applicant. Neither can we become an Island of senior citizens who have made no contribution to our health care system. We cannot further overload our already struggling infrastructure, health care and schools. We must not take away services from others.

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The 2001 Residence Act was introduced with the aim to ensure that population influxes did not overwhelm the island's infrastructure, housing market and public services.

If elected I will bring a motion to Tynwald to push for the Regulations required to implement the 2001 Residence Act.

Housing

To encourage young people and families to stay, relocate or return to the Island, we have to have affordable housing. Within our towns and villages the Island has many empty commercial properties. We have to look at ways of utilising existing properties to increase access to affordable housing. There needs to be a simple non bureaucratic route for these buildings to be changed to residential use. This in turn will stimulate the economy as it will provide a less bureaucratic approach and instigate more construction projects.

If elected I will pick up the Petition on Permitted Development which David Buttery presented to Tynwald on 6th July 2026.

Health

Ten years ago we had a Health Care system that was better than the NHS in England. Now, in some areas, we do not even provide the same level of service as England. Over the last four months three generations of my family have been failed by the provisions of Nobles Hospital. Two of those issues were life threatening. All would have been accommodated on

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the NHS in England. I empathise with anyone who has had or is going through negative health care experiences.

We cannot continue down the road of increasing costs and poorer performance. Private sector hospitals provide health care and make a profit. Surely it cannot be beyond the realms of our Government to run, within budget, an efficient and effective hospital. From top to bottom the health service needs an independent critical analysis by an experienced provider of efficient and cost-effective health care. Tynwald needs to be positive, forceful and proactive in ensuring those recommendations are implemented.

One man on his own cannot change our health service but if elected I will push for, or support any proposals for, a thorough independent critical analysis of our health care system by an experienced provider of efficient and cost-effective health care services.

Infrastructure

The list of systemic failures within the Department of Infrastructure is long. We can all identify overspends, project delays, vanity schemes and unfinished projects. The fundamental principle of delivering a service and keeping our Island functioning has vanished. The Department has lost its focus on productivity and become more focused on themselves and their procedures. There needs to be a cultural shift within the Department to a customer focused approach.

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My time as chairman of the Island Road Transport Association gave me an insight into the introverted approach of the Department.

If elected the Department of Infrastructure would be a challenge. I fear it can only be brought under control by the Executive having to pitch their wants to Tynwald with the same justification an entrepreneur provides to the Dragons Den. Tynwald scrutiny is key.

Local Issues

If elected I will push for a Shoreline Management Plan in relation to coastal erosion and flood prevention in Ayre and Michael. We cannot keep kicking the can down the road by just monitoring the rate of erosion.

If elected I will strive to obtain better mobile phone connectivity in the North and particularly in Ballaugh Glen, Sulby Glen and Glen Auldyn.

If elected I will press the Department of Infrastructure to install a zebra crossing by Sulby School.

If elected I will engage with Bus Vannin to try and find a compromise to restore a bus route that better meets the needs of the residents of Jurby, Bride, Ballaugh and Andreas.

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If elected I will engage with the Chief Constable in an effort to find a cost effective way to bring back a visible police presence in Ayre and Michael. Serving for over 30 years as a Special Constable I am very much aware of the value of Community Policing.

If elected I will support local businesses who must be given the freedom to prosper.

This manifesto can really only be considered a list of hopes and aspirations. In the cold light of day on the 25th September 2026 none of this will happen unless there is a group of strong minded politicians wanting change. It is naïve of anyone to think that one person can single handedly change the direction of this Government.

If you believe in me and consider me worthy of your vote to become an MHK for Ayre and Michael, I promise that from the 25th September 2026;

- I will be your voice in Tynwald
- I will raise your concerns
- I will represent your views
- I will take on board your issues
- I will ask your questions
- I will help with individual problems

I cannot promise the desired outcomes but I can promise that everything I do will be done with honesty, integrity, empathy and love. I love this Island. I love my home.

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If you would like to discuss any issues please do call me on
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