

House of Keys General Election

Thursday 24 September 2026

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Independant Candidate for Douglas North

A snapshot of me:

I came to live and work as a nurse on the Island in 1990, with my then 7 year old son.

I started work at the old Ballamona Hospital, progressing to Day Care Services (Mental Health) then onto the Adult Community Mental Health Services and qualifying as the first Non Medical Prescriber within Communiy Mental Health Services.



I became a Douglas City Councillor in 2016, then as a representative of Athol Ward, topping the poll at the next Council Elections in 2021, served as the Mayor of Douglas 2022-23, and completed 10 years as a Councillor earlier this year.

The main issues which prompted me to stand for election to the House of Keys are:

Immigration and Border Control:

I feel we need stricter Border Control, with photographic ID being presented and checked at the points of entry to our Island.

We need to know who is coming here and why they are coming. Are they here to work or visit? If visiting, how long for and implementing follow up checks to ensure they leave when they say they will.

If an individual is coming here for employment purposes, all relevant paperwork must be in order and there must be consideration given that their remuneration is sufficient to cover their personal costs and to pay into our local economy via taxes and NI. We also need to know if any dependants will also be arriving with them and how they will be funded.

I also feel that (there should be) a basic requirement to speak, write and understand the English Language. I need to make it perfectly clear that I am not opposed to Immigration per se, but immigration needs to be appropriate and proportionate to service the needs of the Island.

Opportunities for our Young People:

Not every Young Person wants to, or is capable of, further study at University.

We need to provide more opportunities for our young people to train for their chosen career/trade on Island.

I am a firm believer of an Apprentice style system. This could be achieved if more apprentice spaces in trade/hospitality/health and social care were accommodated at University College, Isle of Man.

This could be achieved by employing more vocational lecturers, if required, and increased intakes onto courses.

I believe employers should be supported to take on apprentices. This could be achieved by partial or full remuneration to cover the costs of the apprentice attending UCM and their scheduled absence from the workplace.

I also feel that there should be an increase in the Government manual workers workforce, reinstate road gangs etc, to manage and maintain our highways.

I understand that these suggestions require investment, but I believe this investment would be repaid via higher tax receipts, which in turn would benefit the local economy.

Housing:

I believe there should be an increase in social housing as opposed to 'affordable housing'. To achieve this, government owned brownfield sites, with no development plans identified, should be classified for housing development. Central Government could undertake this project, or if not deemed appropriate, hand the sites over to local authorities with responsibility for Housing, for development by them.

I believe this could benefit individuals and the local economy in several ways. For the individuals involved, it would lead to faster progress through the social housing

system, allowing those in private rental properties to move into social housing and the reduction in their rent payments each month would result in more disposable income which could be spent within the local economy or saved for other purposes of their choosing.

The benefits of the local economy would be evidenced by higher rate, rent, tax and VAT receipts. There would also be benefits for those individuals living in private rental properties. If the demand for private rent accommodation decreases, landlords would need to reduce their rents in order to fill their spaces.

Health and Social Care:

Having read the 64 pages and noted the 25 recommendations from the Sir Jonathon Michaels Independent Review of the Isle of Man Health and Social Care System, 2019, it has raised a couple of questions for me.

While several of the recommendations have been implemented, the recommendations around funding have not been. Why?

It raises the question in my head if Manx Care is underfunded or overspending?

I suggest a full audit of Manx Care, funding, services, staffing across all departments and at management level, is undertaken, and the outcomes of that review be expedited immediately.

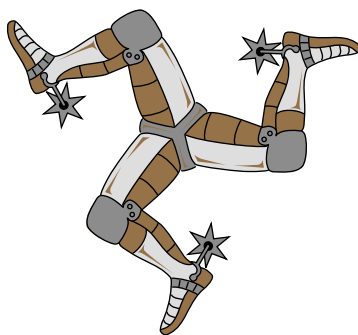
I have outlined just a few of my priorities and ideas for change in this document. I am happy to discuss these topics, and others, with you on the doorstep or at any of the public meetings which will be held during this pre election period.

It is evident, just by talking to people in the street and seeing general discussions on social media, that people are disillusioned with government over the past few years.

Failure to deliver services and overspending on projects are prominent topics of conversation.

If you choose to elect me as your representative, I pledge to work hard to implement the changes I have outlined here.

I'm not naive, I know one person cannot change Government functions overnight, but with enough support from colleagues within the House of Keys, changes can be implemented relatively quickly.



If you require help in accessing your polling station on Election Day, or if you have other queries in respect of my manifesto, please feel free to contact me on 497833.

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