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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

A practical plan for Douglas South and the Isle of Man



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Dear constituent,

This manifesto is different. It has been shaped by hundreds of conversations with residents, businesses, community groups and frontline staff across Douglas South and the Isle of Man. It reflects what I've heard on doorsteps, in constituency clinics and through six years of representing our community. It is not simply a list of commitments. It is a practical plan.

Throughout this manifesto, I have set out clear strategies for the future of our Island, how they can be delivered, and how they can be funded. I believe people deserve honesty about the challenges we face, alongside practical and affordable solutions that can make a lasting difference.

Over the past six years I have served as both a backbench MHK for four and a half years and more recently, as Minister for Health and Social Care for 18 months. Those experiences have reinforced my belief that **good government starts by listening, making evidence-based decisions and focusing on delivery.**

The Isle of Man has enormous potential. I will use my experience to improve the performance of government, strengthening our economy, protecting public services, delivering more affordable homes and managing our public finances responsibly. This isn't a manifesto built on promises. **It's a practical plan built on experience, shaped by listening, and focused on delivery.**

If you place your trust in me, I will work every day to deliver the ideas, priorities and practical solutions set out in this manifesto. Together, we can build the future our Island deserves.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Strong and Sustainable Public Finances

Managing taxpayers' money responsibly, planning for the long term and ensuring every pound spent delivers value.

Health and High-quality Public Services

Protecting and improving healthcare, strengthening social care and delivering public services people can rely on.

A Stronger Economy

Supporting local businesses, creating opportunity, attracting investment and helping more people build successful careers on our Island.

Affordable Homes and a Better Quality of Life

Delivering more housing, improving infrastructure and tackling the pressures affecting families and communities.

A Government that Performs

Building a more efficient, accountable and transparent government that delivers better outcomes for the people it serves.

DOUGLAS SOUTH

a great place to live, work and play

We have made progress over the last five years, from major road improvements to protecting local healthcare, but there is more to do. I am committed to bringing the right people together, pushing for decisions and funding, removing barriers and holding those responsible for clear timelines and delivery. If you put your trust in me again, I will continue working with our communities to make Douglas South a great place to live, work and play.

These are some of the practical improvements shaped by what residents have told me on their doorsteps.

Regenerate Spring Valley - Build on the resurfacing of the estate roads by progressing the wider refurbishment of Spring Valley, including exploring opportunities for new housing as part of its regeneration.

HOW: Work with Douglas City Council and Government to develop a costed plan, identify opportunities for additional homes and agree clear timelines for delivery.

Deliver for Pulrose - Support Pulrose FC and Douglas City Council to reinstate the changing facilities at Pulrose as soon as possible. I have already supported the Club in its discussions with the Council and worked to improve communication – now we need to see an outcome for the Team and community.

HOW: Continue bringing the Club and Council together, help remove barriers and press for an agreed scheme, funding and delivery date.

Invest in Anagh Coar - The resurfacing of the estate roads was welcome progress, but Anagh Coar needs further investment in the wider neighbourhood and public spaces.

HOW: Work with residents, Douglas City Council and Government to identify what is needed and develop a phased, costed programme of improvements.

Protect Local Healthcare - Continue to protect and improve access to GP and primary healthcare in Douglas South. When the future of Snaefell Surgery was uncertain, I pressed Manx Care for a solution and services were retained. Now we need to build on that and make sure healthcare capacity keeps pace with our communities.

HOW: Work with Manx Care and local practices to plan GP and primary-care capacity around population and future housing growth.

Better Roads, Pavements & Buses - Press for improvements to neglected pavements, road safety and public transport. Residents have specifically raised bus connections around Saddlestone and overcrowding on services from Castletown, particularly around flight arrivals.

HOW: Press DOI to address long-standing road, pavement and safety issues, and ask Bus Vannin to review routes, passenger demand and peak capacity so services better reflect how and when people travel.

Safe Communities - Everyone should feel safe where they live. I want visible, accessible community policing and earlier action on the issues that affect people's confidence in their neighbourhood.

HOW: Work with our community policing team and residents to identify local concerns, improve communication and visibility, and focus on prevention before problems escalate.

GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS

One Government. Clear priorities. Less bureaucracy.

Six years inside Government has shown me many dedicated public servants working hard for our Island. But I have also seen a system that too often makes their jobs harder – Departments working in silos, duplicated processes, too many layers of approval and policies developed in isolation.

We need one Government, working to one strategy for our Island.

Housing cannot be planned without considering schools, GPs, dentists, roads and utilities. Population and economic growth cannot be separated from the infrastructure and public services needed to support them.

A Government that costs less to administer, makes decisions faster and puts more money and people into frontline services.

High-quality public services alongside a competitive tax environment should be one of the Isle of Man's greatest strengths – giving residents a better quality of life and businesses the confidence to invest here.

Government must become simpler, faster and more accountable – releasing money and people from unnecessary bureaucracy into frontline services.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

My Tynwald motion in December 2024 led to a Select Committee examining the Legislature's role in the Budget process. Its reforms include stronger scrutiny, clearer accountability, multi-year budgeting and better links between Government priorities, spending and outcomes.

When the Island Plan was debated, I sought to require Government to return with the delivery and funding plans needed to support its ambitions. Government should not make promises without explaining how they will be delivered and paid for. As this amendment was not supported by Tynwald I did not vote for the Island Plan.

Rates reform remains unfinished business. I pledged reform in 2021 and have not been able to deliver it. In Tynwald, I supported completing the detailed work during this administration so the next administration could make the decisions and implement a fairer, more transparent system. That work was not supported, but I remain committed to delivering reform.

As Health Minister, I progressed the independent MIAA Governance Review, beginning reforms to simplify responsibilities and strengthen accountability between DHSC and Manx Care.

GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS

My Priorities for the next administration...

One Government

Move towards Government becoming a single legal entity, breaking down departmental silos and creating clearer leadership and accountability across the public service.

One Island Strategy

Align population, economic growth, housing, infrastructure and public services around long-term Island priorities. Policy should be joined-up from the outset, not developed Department by Department.

Deliver Rates Reform

Reform our outdated rating system to create a fairer, more transparent approach. Complete the detailed modelling, consult on costed options and introduce reform with appropriate transitional protection.

Centralised Strategy - Devolve Delivery

Once outcomes and budgets are agreed, empower Departments to deliver. Those accountable for results must have the authority and resources to achieve them.

Strip out bureaucracy

Remove duplicated boards, approvals and processes. Decisions should be made at the lowest appropriate level, closer to those with the expertise, while retaining strong financial controls and accountability.

Put Departments in Control of Delivery

Review centralised Finance, HR, Communications and Government Technology Services, returning appropriate capability and control so Departments can prioritise resources around the services they are accountable for delivering.

Make Budgets Follow Priorities

Deliver the Budget reforms already agreed, including meaningful multi-year planning, stronger links between spending and outcomes and funding that can work across departmental boundaries.

Budget for outcomes

Introduce priority-based budgeting, requiring Departments to show what spending will deliver rather than simply rolling existing budgets forward year after year.

Digital by Design - but Inclusive

Accelerate simple, high-quality digital Government services, making it easier for residents to access services and businesses to invest and operate here – while retaining support for those who cannot access services digitally.

Independent Whistleblowing

Support a statutory whistleblowing framework with independent oversight, protecting those who speak up and ensuring concerns are properly addressed.

GROWING OUR ECONOMY

Better jobs. Stronger businesses. Sustainable growth.

A strong economy pays for the public services and quality of life we value. Growing our economy must be a priority – but growth should improve people's lives, not simply increase our population.

We need to protect the industries that underpin our economy, help local businesses succeed and pursue new opportunities that bring higher-value jobs, investment and Government revenue.

High-quality public services, a competitive tax environment and a Government that is easy to do business with – that is the golden combination that can set the Isle of Man apart.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Investing in Manx skills – Under my time as DHSC Minister in 2025, 45 Manx applicants were offered places to train as nurses – the highest number since on-Island training restarted in 2000 – with 36 beginning their training. This creates skilled careers for local people while building the workforce our essential services need.

Better pay - delivered responsibly – I supported increasing the Minimum Wage towards the Living Wage, but listened when small businesses raised genuine concerns about the pace of change – supporting a more measured approach that improves wages while giving employers greater certainty.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Make it Easier to do Business

Create a Business Gateway, giving businesses one clear route through Government and a named contact for major investments to coordinate approvals and deliver faster decisions.

Grow our own Skilled Workforce

Use workforce data to identify future shortages & align UCM, apprenticeships and professional training. Build on local nurse training and our first locally trained midwife to create more on-Island training opportunities.

Develop Health Economic Opportunity

Attract specialist private healthcare providers to complement our NHS - which will remain free at the point of use – bringing skilled jobs, investment and additional healthcare capacity and keeping healthcare spending on-Island.

Better Regulation, Faster Decisions

Simplify licensing, regulation and Government processes, set clearer decision timescales and expand regulatory sandboxing where appropriate, while maintaining the Island's reputation as a well-regulated jurisdiction.

FAIRNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY

By growing our economy, cutting unnecessary expenditure and investing earlier where prevention saves money later, we can protect our finances for future generations. I believe we should train locally first; recruit internationally where genuinely needed.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Standing up for the Triple Lock – I have consistently supported the Triple Lock on State Pensions. When Government departed from it during this administration, I did not support the Budget.

Putting more earnings beyond tax – I supported increased personal allowances to £17,000, meaning approx 3,600 people paid less tax.

Supported new Worker Migrant rules – I campaigned for stronger Worker Migrant rules and used my seat on the Council of Ministers to secure greater priority for Manx and Common Travel Area recruitment first; focus overseas recruitment on higher-skilled and shortage roles; restrict dependants to higher-skilled workers; strengthen employer checks; and limit changing employer during the first 12 months.

Fair contribution to healthcare – I brought the Tynwald motion to introduce an Immigration Healthcare Surcharge for non common travel area immigration, ensuring applicable visa holders contribute towards our health service.

Benefits reform remains unfinished business – I called for a full review in 2021; more needs to be done to ensure the system is fair to those who need support and those who pay for it.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Protect the Triple Lock

I will continue to support the Triple Lock on State Pensions, alongside a sustainable long-term plan to protect pensions for future generations.

Keep More of what you Earn

Set a costed pathway to increase the Personal Allowance from £17k towards £20k, the tax cap from £220k to £250k, and return the higher rate tax to 20% as finances allow.

A Fairer Benefits System

Review eligibility to ensure support reaches those who genuinely need it and work pays. Reduce long-term Incapacity Benefit dependency by 10% by tackling the causes – faster treatment, mental-health support, rehabilitation and routes back to work – not by cutting benefit rates.

Skilled Immigration for our Island

Maintain and strengthen our Work Permit system, protecting Isle of Man workers through robust local recruitment requirements, regular review of exempt occupations and stronger monitoring of labour-market trends. Set Worker Migrant salary thresholds at least in line with the UK, reviewed annually, with targeted exemptions for essential services and genuine shortage occupations. Require criminal-record checks for all new Worker Migrants before employment.

BUILDING A HEALTHIER ISLAND

A HEALTHIER ISLAND - A Manx model of health and care

Our health and care services are full of dedicated and talented people who work incredibly hard for patients and families every day. But great staff cannot indefinitely make up for a system that needs reform.

We should stop assuming that a health system designed for a population of millions can simply be shrunk down and work efficiently for 85,000 people.

We need a Manx model of health and care – joining up health, mental health and social care, intervening earlier, delivering more support in our communities and being honest about what we can safely provide and sustainably afford.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

As Health Minister, I progressed the independent MIAA Governance Review, with Tynwald backing a stronger, simpler relationship between DHSC and Manx Care. Financial recovery and stronger accountability are underway to achieve healthcare sustainability.

I have also worked closely with third-sector care providers, including Hospice and Crossroads, to develop sustainable partnerships and proper commissioning arrangements, and am working with Hospice's new CEO on a stronger long-term footing for its essential services – giving the next administration a strong foundation to build upon.

My Priorities for the next administration...

A Plan for the Next Decade

Develop a 5-10 year Health & Care Strategy, using demand and capacity data, demographic trends and Public Health evidence to plan what we will need – backed by workforce, infrastructure, delivery and financial plans.

Clear Accountability

Complete the Governance Review reforms: DHSC sets clear strategy and policy; Manx Care must be accountable for delivering it – with measurable outcomes, quality standards and financial control.

One System, Built Around the Person

Join up health, mental health and social care, shifting more focus towards prevention, early intervention and community services.

Back our Workforce

Listen to our workforce, value clinical and professional leadership and create a culture where people can develop and succeed. Build on on-Island nurse and GP training, expand opportunities to train local midwife healthcare professionals on-Island - growing more of the workforce we need for the future.

Support Third-Sector Care

Put essential third-sector care on a sustainable footing through long-term commissioning.

HEALTHCARE

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Better access to primary care – During my time as Health and Social Care Minister, we expanded access to specialist professionals within GP practices, including physiotherapists and mental-health practitioners – freeing GP appointments for those who need to see a doctor.

Better NHS dentistry – New contracts helped 5,700 people register with an NHS dentist, cutting the waiting list by over 90%.

More affordable prescriptions – I introduced monthly payments for the £54 Pre-Payment Certificate, helping people spread the cost for prescriptions over a year.

Joined-up patient records – I progressed the Manx Care Record to procurement stage, moving us closer to one patient record across health and care – improving safety, reducing duplication and delivering more joined-up care.

Improving cancer diagnosis – I supported progress on new cancer pathways and secured £1.8m to modernise endoscopy at Noble's, protecting vital on-island diagnostic services.

Reducing waiting lists – New outpatient lists fell 35% in Gastroenterology, 17% in Orthopaedics and 53% in Urogynaecology through targeted changes and additional capacity.

Freeing appointments for those who need them – Consultant-led reviews assessed 5,813 cases, safely removing 2,517 appointments no longer clinically required.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Faster Access to GPs

Expand GP teams with physios, mental-health practitioners and other professionals, so patients see the right person first time, shifting appropriate care into GP Practices. Expand community services, to reduce avoidable hospital admissions; alongside reformed GP contracts to improve and standardise access across the Island.

Drive Down Waiting Time

Target an outpatient list of approx 11,500 in first year, with at least 95% waiting no longer than 52 weeks, through clinical validation, better use of clinics and targeted specialist capacity.

Improve Patient Transfer

Better support patients and accompanying carers, particularly when journeys are disrupted, and review the financial assistance available.

Improve Financial Discipline

Progress the Financial Recovery Programme within Manx Care to strengthen financial discipline and put health and care spending on a more sustainable footing.

MENTAL HEALTH

Earlier help. Better access. Support before crisis.

Mental health should be treated with the same importance as physical health. Too many people still wait too long for support, particularly children, young people and adults seeking neurodevelopmental assessment.

Our goal should be simple: a mental-health system where asking for help early is easy, waiting times are shorter and nobody reaching crisis is left to face it alone.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Mental-health support closer to home – As Health and Social Care Minister, I supported the expansion of Mental Health First Contact Practitioner services into a further nine GP practices following a successful pilot – giving people earlier access to specialist support and reducing pressure on GP appointments.

Earlier help for young people – During my time as Health and Social Care Minister, I supported investment in CAMHS capacity and the Talk service, strengthening earlier mental-health support for children and young people.

Being there when it mattered – I have supported residents and families experiencing mental-health crises, including outside normal hours when people felt they had nowhere else to turn – helping them navigate services, find support and making sure their voices were heard.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Help before crisis

People experiencing anxiety, stress or deteriorating mental health should be able to access support early and without unnecessary barriers. Expand self-referral, talking therapies and community-based support so fewer people reach crisis point.

Create a Mental Health Drop-in Centre

Progress an accessible community facility and push to bring forward the business case early in the next administration.

Adult ADHD & Autism

Support the establishment of a sustainable assessment, diagnosis and support pathway for adults.

Connected Communities

Better use community hubs, charities, social prescribing, sport, culture and voluntary organisations to tackle loneliness and isolation.

SOCIAL CARE

Independence. Dignity. Security. Social care touches people at some of the most vulnerable moments in their lives. As our population ages, we need a system that helps people remain independent, stay connected to their communities and receive the right support before their needs become a crisis. We must also recognise the enormous contribution made by families and unpaid carers – and create a fairer way of paying for care in later life.

A social-care system that helps people stay independent for longer, supports families who care for them and provides dignity, security and fairness when more care is needed.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

More care closer to home – Expanded integrated, Home First and locality-based care, helping people receive support closer to home.

Protecting people from the cost of care – I brought detailed options for reforming nursing, residential and home-care funding to Tynwald. We need a fairer system that reduces the risk of people having to sell their home to fund nursing care, makes support easier to access so people can remain safely at home for longer, and provides reliable respite care for the families and unpaid carers who support them.

Supporting people through difficult times – Over six years as your MHK, I have personally supported residents facing some of life's most difficult circumstances – from housing and homelessness to health, care and family crises – helping people navigate services and find practical solutions.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Help People Stay Independent Longer

Give more people the support they need to remain safely in their own homes and communities, expanding prevention, reablement, home care and community support rather than waiting until residential or hospital care becomes the only option.

Back Family and Unpaid Carers

Make it easier for unpaid carers to access respite, short breaks, information and practical support, recognising that supporting carers also helps the people they care for remain independent.

Fairer long-term care

Complete the work already begun on long-term care funding and bring forward a fairer, sustainable settlement – better protecting families from potentially significant care costs and removing the financial incentive in the current system that can favour residential care over remaining at home.

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN

Ready for life. Ready for the future. Every child matters.

Our greatest responsibility is to give the next generation the best possible start in life and the opportunity to build a successful future.

Every child should leave education with the knowledge, skills and confidence to build a fulfilling life. But a four-year-old starting school today will enter a very different world of work. Education must prepare children not just for today's jobs, but to adapt to whatever comes next.

And when a child needs additional support, Government services should work around the child and family – not around departmental boundaries.

Every child should have the education, skills, opportunities and support to build a fulfilling life – and the choice to build their future here.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Affordable early years and childcare – During my time in DESC, I helped develop the Childcare Strategy, improving access to affordable early-years education and childcare for Island families.

More routes into skilled careers – Strengthened apprenticeship and vocational pathways, working with local employers to connect training and opportunities more closely to the skills our economy needs.

Putting children first – Helped drive a greater focus on early intervention, inclusion and joined-up support for children and families.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Ready for Life

Set expectations for literacy, numeracy, financial and practical life skills, using assessment to identify children falling behind to provide earlier support. Regularly review the curriculum against future workforce and tech needs, working with employers and UCM to strengthen critical thinking, creativity and responsible digital and AI skills.

More Routes to Great Careers

Use workforce data to expand apprenticeships and vocational courses in areas of future skills shortages, working directly with employers to create more earn-while-you-learn opportunities.

Give Children a Stronger Voice

Bring Education and Children's Services closer together and support proposals for an independent Children's Commissioner, giving children a direct voice in decisions.

Education Where Every Child can Thrive

Identify additional needs earlier, strengthen teacher training and specialist support, and give families clearer pathways between school, health and children's services – removing barriers before a child falls behind.

ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT

Opportunity. Identity. Participation.

Arts, culture and sport enrich our lives, strengthen communities and help define who we are. Their importance for our cultural identity should not be underestimated. I am proud to have started my own journey through our Art Foundation Course – a local opportunity that helped open the door to an international career.

It gave me the foundations to leave the Island, build a career and ultimately return home. I want our young people to have those same opportunities.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

As Arts Council Chair 2023-24 I championed wider access to live performance, with **1,342 free VillaGaiety tickets provided to children, families and vulnerable residents.**

Investing in our cultural venues – I brought forward and secured Tynwald approval for £1.63m investment in new sound, lighting and technical equipment at the Villa Marina and Gaiety Theatre.

More opportunities for young people – During my time in DESC, participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award increased by 20%, Ardwhallan reopened for outdoor education and Theatre in Education was established at Kensington Arts.

Championing our Manx identity – Represented the Isle of Man at the British-Irish Council, promoting the Manx language and our ambition to grow the number of native speakers.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Open Arts and Sport to Everyone

Support free and low-cost access for children and families, building on initiatives such as free Gaiety tickets, and work with schools, clubs and community organisations to remove barriers to participation.

Protect our Manx Identity

Support delivery of the Manx Language Strategy, creating more opportunities to learn and use Manx through our schools, arts, culture, events and communities.

Back Manx Talent

Champion local artists, performers and athletes through grants, coaching, training and stronger pathways from school and UCM – helping talented Manx people develop here and take opportunities further afield.

Create a Lasting Island Games Legacy

Support delivery of the NSC and sporting facility improvements needed for the Island Games, with proper scrutiny to ensure investment benefits local athletes, clubs and communities long after 2029.

HOMES FOR OUR ISLAND

A secure, affordable home should be within reach for people who live and work on our Island.

More homes have been built, but we are not meeting people's housing needs. We must stop measuring success simply by the number of houses built and focus on whether we are building the right homes, in the right places, at prices people can afford. New housing must also be matched by the infrastructure communities need – including GP capacity, schools, roads, utilities and local services. Housing and infrastructure planning must go hand in hand, not follow years later.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Supported the Island's first Objective Assessment of Housing Need (OAHN), giving Government a proper evidence base for the homes our population needs.

Supported shared-equity and discounted first-home schemes, helping residents towards home ownership.

Progressed changes to increase income thresholds and keep them updated, so eligibility better reflects today's earnings and housing costs, (including CPI-linked annual uplifts).

But I recognise that progress has not been enough. We have not delivered the scale of affordable and social housing I wanted to see, too many people are still priced out of a suitable home. The next administration must turn the evidence and policies now in place into homes people can actually afford.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Build the Homes we Actually Need

I will campaign for a fully funded five-year housing programme, agreeing sites and housing types with local authorities to build more social and affordable homes and drive down the housing waiting list.

Homes for People, not Speculation

Introduce resident-first protections for affordable and first-time-buyer homes and strengthen measures to discourage speculative non-resident purchases.

Bring Empty Homes Back into Use

Introduce higher rates on homes deliberately left empty long-term, while prioritising vacant properties, unused buildings and brownfield sites for redevelopment before unnecessary building on greenfield land.

Make Developers Deliver

Require affordable housing to be provided wherever practical, rather than allowing payment to become the easy alternative. Where contributions are accepted, reinvest them into new affordable housing.

Protect Renters

Complete the implementation of the Landlord Registration Act, introducing the regulations needed for mandatory landlord registration and deposit protection.

CONNECTING OUR ISLAND

Reliable connections are essential to Island life.

As an Island, our sea and air links are lifelines – connecting families, supporting businesses, bringing visitors and essential supplies, and helping our economy grow. Recent disruption has shown why reliability, affordability and resilience matter.

We must maintain the infrastructure we already have, plan properly for the future and ensure our transport network works for the people and businesses who depend upon it.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Fighting for better sea services – In 2023, I seconded the motion calling for a strategic review of the Sea Services Agreement, arguing for more affordable fares, fairer freight costs for Manx businesses and better protection for essential supplies during disruption.

Supported retaining back-up vessel capacity, something recent disruption has demonstrated is essential to maintaining our lifeline services.

Continued to challenge how our strategic transport assets are managed, arguing that the Steam Packet, ports, tourism and economic policy must work together rather than in isolation.

Supported investment in maintaining and improving the Island's transport network, while continuing to raise residents' concerns about roads, pavements and local infrastructure.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Reliable and Affordable Sea Travel

Put resident fares, freight costs and reliability at the heart of the next Sea Services Agreement, ensuring the service better meets the needs of residents and Manx businesses.

Build Resilience into our Lifeline Services

Maintain sufficient back-up vessel capacity and ensure Douglas Harbour is routinely surveyed, dredged and maintained to the navigational depths required under the Sea Services Agreement.

Better Value for Regular Travellers

Develop an Island Travel Rewards scheme, exploring one joined-up reward system across ferry and public transport to give residents who regularly use our services better value.

Maintain Before we Replace

Introduce a planned, preventative programme for roads, pavements and critical transport infrastructure, fixing problems earlier before deterioration leads to greater disruption and much higher costs.

SAFE COMMUNITIES & SECURE BORDERS

Protecting our Island. Tackling crime. Maintaining public confidence.

The Isle of Man is a safe place to live and raise a family, but we should never take that for granted. I welcome the new Border Division and planned Border Agency, although stronger arrangements should have been introduced sooner. We can remain an open and welcoming Island while being clear: those who come here legally to contribute are welcome – those who enter illegally, exploit our systems or bring criminality to our shores are not.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Strengthening our borders – Supported the establishment of the new Border Division in July 2026, with 17 additional enforcement, investigation, intelligence and policing posts – strengthening our ability to tackle immigration abuse and organised crime and building towards a permanent Isle of Man Border Agency.

Preparing for stronger border technology – Supported work to develop legislation enabling facial-recognition technology at our ports, strengthening our future ability to identify serious criminals and security threats entering the Island.

Fighting for independent accountability – As a backbencher, challenged the existing police complaints arrangements and continued to press for a genuinely independent process for investigating complaints.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Complete our Border Agency

Ensure the new Agency has the people, powers, intelligence and technology to secure our sea and air borders, identify illegal immigration and act quickly where our system is being abused.

Know who Enters our Island

Require proportionate ID checks for people entering by sea and air, including private aviation, alongside passenger-data checks and appropriate use of facial-recognition technology – strengthening our ability to identify those entering the Island while keeping legitimate travel straightforward.

Develop a Clear Youth-Diversion Pathway

Intervening at the first signs of offending, exploitation or serious antisocial behaviour. Bring Police, schools, health and children's services around the young person early – tackling the causes, protecting those being exploited and diverting them away from the criminal justice system.

Independent Police Complaints

Establish a genuinely independent complaints and investigation process, separate from the Constabulary where appropriate, giving both the public and police officers confidence that complaints are dealt with fairly.

PROTECTING OUR ISLAND

Living on an Island means resilience matters. We need secure and affordable energy, a stronger local food supply and an environment protected for future generations.

Our transition must be practical, affordable and deliver clear benefits for the Manx people. We must make better use of our own resources, support those who produce our food and reduce our vulnerability to events beyond our shores.

TURNING WORDS INTO ACTION

Protecting our environment – In 2021, I pledged to protect our Island while supporting sustainable growth. As DEFA Member for Planning and Built Environment and Chair of the Planning Committee, I brought scrutiny and practical experience to development decisions.

Strengthening animal welfare – During my time as DEFA Member, I supported the implementation of stronger statutory protections for animal welfare.

My Priorities for the next administration...

Secure, Affordable Manx Energy

Develop a costed 25-year energy roadmap, determining the generation, storage, interconnection and back-up capacity our Island needs, and only support projects that demonstrably deliver against it – putting security, affordability and Manx benefit first.

Put Manx Food First

Set targets to increase Manx produce in Government procurement and our shops, requiring public services to buy local wherever practical and agreeing measurable commitments with major retailers. Introduce targeted grants to expand local food production, focusing on areas where we can realistically reduce our reliance on imports and strengthen the Island's food security.

Build our Island's Resilience

Introduce an annual Island Resilience Assessment to Tynwald, identifying vulnerabilities in food, energy, water, medicines, essential supplies and critical infrastructure, with contingency plans and published actions.

Protect what makes our Island special

Introduce a national-interest test for any major infrastructure scheme, requiring demonstrable Manx benefit, environmental and biodiversity protection, meaningful public engagement and protection of fisheries and shipping – with developers responsible for full lifecycle and decommissioning costs.

If a major infrastructure project cannot pass these tests, I will not support it. On the evidence currently available, I do not believe the proposed Mooir Vannin project does, and I therefore cannot support it in its current form.

FUNDING OUR FUTURE

Good Government must be able to pay for the promises it makes. Throughout this manifesto I have set out not only what I want to achieve, but how we can deliver it.

My first answer is not higher taxes. We must reform Government, get better value from what we already spend, generate fair income, invest earlier where it prevents greater costs later and grow the economy that ultimately funds our public services.

HOW I WOULD FUND IT

Reform Government and reduce duplication –

Deliver the One Government reforms set out in this manifesto: simplify structures, share services and strengthen procurement and contract management. Introduce priority-based budgeting, requiring spending to be justified by the outcomes it delivers rather than simply rolling budgets forward.

Get better value from healthcare – Continue efficiency programmes, reduce reliance on expensive temporary staffing, expand care closer to home and strengthen health economics so investment and outcomes can be properly measured.

Invest earlier to save later – Prioritise prevention and early intervention in health, mental health, children's services and social care; help people back into work through treatment, rehabilitation and retraining; and maintain infrastructure before deterioration creates a much bigger bill.

Generate fair income – Implement the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, develop private-patient services where spare capacity provides a genuine return, ensure developer contributions are reinvested in affordable housing, and secure appropriate commercial returns when public assets or natural resources are used for private gain.

Grow the economy that pays for our services – Support businesses to grow and export, increase productivity, attract higher-value investment and help more people participate in our economy – creating more jobs, higher incomes and a broader tax base without simply increasing tax rates.

Borrow for investment, not everyday spending – Use borrowing prudently for long-term infrastructure with a clear business case and return, rather than routinely funding day-to-day expenditure or relying on reserves to balance the books.

Let Manx people invest in our future – Explore an Isle of Man Government Bond or Manx savings product, giving residents the opportunity to invest their savings in clearly defined Island infrastructure and capital projects, subject to a robust Treasury business case.

MY FUNDING TEST

For every major new commitment, Government should answer:

What will it cost?

Where will the money come from?

What outcome will it deliver?

What will it save or generate in return?

Thank you...

It has been the greatest privilege of my life to serve the people of Douglas South over the past six years. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, for the conversations we've shared, and for allowing me to represent the community we all live and work in.

If you choose to place your trust in me once again, I will continue to be the kind of representative I would want myself: **someone who listens carefully, tells people the truth, isn't afraid to challenge when necessary, and follows things through.** I will never forget that I work for you. Every decision I make, every vote I cast and every challenge I take on must be in the best interests of the people of DOUGLAS SOUTH. I will always remain accountable to you.

The next administration will face significant challenges. Strengthening our public finances, growing our economy, improving healthcare, delivering more homes and continuing to reform government will require difficult decisions. These are not easy challenges, but I believe they require experience, resilience and determination.

Over the past six years I have gained that experience—as a constituency representative, as a backbench MHK willing to challenge, and as a Minister leading through complex decisions. If re-elected, I will bring that experience to every decision I make on your behalf.

Claire

Showing your support

If you would like to show your support, I would be delighted if you would display the poster on the back of my introductory letter in your window throughout the election campaign or a poster can be provided. Thank you for your support.

Transport on Polling Day?

If you need assistance to get to the polling station please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange.

Polling Stations

Polling stations will be open on Thursday 24th September 2026, from 8am to 8pm.

CDGS1 Pulrose Methodist Church, Pulrose Road, Pulrose Douglas

CDGS2 Anagh Coar Primary Sch, Darragh Way, Anagh Coar, Douglas

CDGS3 Scoill Vallajeelt, Meadow Crescent, Douglas

NOTE: YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY OF THESE POLLING STATIONS



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