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Who am I?

I am a 44 year old civil servant, married with a six year old son who will be starting Year 2 at Auldryn Infants in September. I have lived in Ramsey since I moved to the Island 32 years ago.

What do I believe in?

I believe in family, friends, community and helping others.

I would like Ramsey to once again be seen as a great place to live, work and visit, without too much reliance on the past.

I would like to see those who are unable to work through circumstance, be it an inability to find work, childcare difficulties etc be encouraged to give what time they can back to the community, helping out at the schools, the care homes, gardens and parks etc in conjunction with a fresh look at the benefits and Personal Allowance Credit system.

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To try and help those in work and those who need to search for work in today's climate, I would like to see tax relief on childcare and private dental care. I believe that the Government would be able to recoup this by the taxes received from those this would enable to get back to work.

With the advances in technology there is no reason why Government satellite offices cannot be established out of Douglas enabling more people to access the people they need to speak to. For example outsourcing the driving licence processes to the Isle of Man Post Office has streamlined the process and made it more accessible to people across the Island.

I believe that nationally, it is time for change. Over the past two years, our Island has been hit again and again financially and I would like to see more transparency over these issues. I believe that the people of the Isle of Man have a right to know why we are constantly being bombarded with financial hit after financial hit. Are we an easy target?

I am a firm believer in remaining distinct from the United Kingdom. We should be proud of who and what we are.

I am keen to see updates in our legislation, particularly concerning MHK and MLC pensions. Why should political members get non-contributory pensions? I believe that Members of Tynwald should pay towards their pension and should I be elected I promise to push for legislation that will enable this.

Government expenditure is still being wasted. Why does all the furniture in an office have to match? It's by making small changes,

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big savings can happen. What about the buildings that are Government owned? Are they being used to their full potential? Are there any empty? Why?

What was the point of the Government restructure? What savings have been made? How much did it cost to move the Departments around? These are questions I will be asking should I be elected.

I believe that priorities for the Isle of Man should be as follows:

- Healthcare;
- Education;
- Continued links with the United Kingdom, Europe and further abroad to encourage investors to come to the Isle of Man.

I agree that some parts of the Civil Service may be overstaffed, however it is not only the lower paid staff who should be scrutinised. What about the Senior Managers? Does Government really need such a top heavy management structure?

I believe in renewable energy. I would like to see more energy efficient buildings across Government like Thie Slieu Whallian in St John's. These are the future for a greener planet, we ought to harness the natural power of the planet and embrace the future.

I believe it's time for a new face for a new approach for Ramsey and the Isle of Man and I promise you, I would work hard for you the people of Ramsey, to protect our community as well as using the mandate you have given me wisely when dealing with national issues.

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