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JULIE EDGE

22nd September 2016
Dear Constituent,

Following on from my personal message to you asking for your support and your Vote on 22nd September, I am now providing you with the following additional information.

At this time, you may want to reflect on the decisions and actions that have been taken by the last Government and how they have impacted upon your life and the circumstances of those who matter to you most?

This General Election is your opportunity to make your voice heard and to contribute to making changes in the way we are governed by electing the candidates who are passionate about stopping the decline of the Isle of Man and promoting a better life for us all.

I am proud to have lived in Onchan for 43 years – If elected I will be fully committed to the voters of Onchan and the electorate of the Island. This would be my sole employment and I will work hard to drive through the changes required.

I am standing in the election because I believe we have to be ready for the unavoidable changes that the Island must deal with in the next five years. I emphasise that the life experiences and diverse skills I have gained have provided me with the knowledge and determination to bring about the URGENT STRATEGIC REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT.

Yours sincerely
Julie M Edge

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**MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS - HOW DID THEY PERFORM?**

- **TT World Series** £276,000
- **TT tendering for fire services** £5740k out of court settlement
- **Vision Nine** Contract delayed
- **Fitness to work** Contract terminated
- **Diesel Locomotive** £400,000
- **Sloc resurfacing** £486,000
- **The Jacksons Concert** Alleged losses of £100,000
- **Promenade Consultants and Architects fees** £900,000
- **Harbour Dredging** Disregard to Financial Regulations 10 million overspend on Health 1.2million on catering services.
- **Health Service Failings**

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- Hospital Shop
- Enterprise Development Fund
- Demolition of Glenside Nursing Home
- Purchasing Nursing Home
- Gas Charges
- Toilet Tax
- Peel Road flooding
- New Baggage handling facility at airport
- Capital Project Overspend

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Tender process investigating
Should be solely managed by Government and not by outside consultants charging high fees.
Refurbishment was estimated at £2million
£8.1 million
PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AND RAISED BY CONSTITUENTS

- Lack of Transparency
- Bureaucracy
- Lack of Accountability
- Negligent contract processes
- Housing
- Education
- Pensions
- Misuse of public funds
- Public Service /Centralisation
- Reducing Income of our Elderly
- Spending reserves
- State of the Roads
- Promenade
- Catchment Areas
- Health and Social Care Bad Management
- Horse Trams/Heritage
- Gas Prices
- Public Consultations
- Procurement/tendering
- Transport Links

SOLUTIONS

- Good Governance
- Maximise income from own infrastructure
- Inward investment
- Simplify Government Services
- Scrutiny
- Reduce Bureaucracy
- Affordable Housing
- External Auditing
- Apprenticeship schemes
- Constitutional Reform
- Increase upper limit on National Insurance Contributions
- TV licence needs to be re-negotiated with the BBC
- Safeguarding Education and Health

TRANSPARENCY – ACCOUNTABILITY

- Introduce Legislation to ensure prospective MHK’s have a duty to declare Directorships, vested interests’ and memberships of organisations within their Manifesto’s so the people of the Island have transparency from the outset of their campaign. I would also extend this policy to MLC’s and Open Grade Structure employees’ of Government implemented at recruitment stage.

- Introduction of Policy of Board Structures for all Departments - Public members scrutinising Departments on a monthly basis - making Departments accountable for Public Services they provide. Annual auditing of all Government Departments.

- STOP the continued overspending in Departments by introducing Devolved Financial Management to all Departments. This Policy ensures that all Officers are fully accountable for budgets which would demonstrate good Governance to you, the Public. Introducing a five year forecasting budget process that safeguards public funds but provides the flexibility Departments require to strategically plan.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- We need to instil values, principles and policy and enforce accountability with sound decision making and put the pride back into the workforce.

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- The next Government has to make sure these mistakes do not continue. Contract Management and Capital Project Policy reform is urgently required.

GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Needs to be utilised and maximised to benefit the Island – MUA Fibre Optic Cable needs to be licensed and utilised by the Government for the greater island economy, not for the financial gain of other corporations. This is an opportunity to reduce the debt burden on the nation by making the most of the government’s current assets.

GAS PRICING

- Recent negotiations on Gas pricing was not negotiated fairly by previous MHK’s and the Office of Fair Trading has not protected the public.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROPOSED CHANGES

- The freedom of information act was enacted in February 2016. Less than 12 months into this act, officers are attempting to restrict the freedom of information to the public by introducing a cost cap, thereby contradicting the act.

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- VISIBLE
- OPEN
- TRANSPARENT
- EFFICIENT

- ENTHUSIASTIC
- DETERMINED
- GENUINE
- EFFECTIVE

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EDUCATION
Education is generously funded and we need to ensure that this investment is filtered down and utilised for the students who are the future of the Island. Focussing spending to increase the opportunities for all backgrounds must be key to advancing the socioeconomic viability of the Isle of Man. We need to ensure that opportunities are accessible for all with further apprenticeship and vocational courses made available.

STUDENT GRANTS
Financial support for student grants should be reviewed and adapted to the current economic climate. Pragmatic solutions should be implemented to provide incentives to local students to return and to enable them to be as competitive with overseas students as possible.

HEALTH
Health care funding should never be an issue. We need to ensure good governance and management expertise. We need to explore advances in medicine and work collaboratively with hospitals in the UK and Ireland in order to get people to centres of excellence for early intervention.

WAITING LISTS
The GP and Hospital appointment system needs to be reviewed and policy introduced to address missed appointments which would therefore improve the service delivery and efficiency to reduce waiting lists overall. An automatic appointment reminder system should be introduced so that a text message or e-mail reminder is sent and would be a relatively cost effective way of addressing this issue.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
There is a need for investment in mental health resources should be adequately funded and directed appropriately. Early intervention is crucial to reduce the ongoing related issues with undiagnosed conditions being detrimental to the individual and to society as a whole.

HOUSING
The need to start addressing policies for affordable housing is of the highest importance. LibVan’s longstanding policy is to implement the ongoing housing issues into the planning process. Houses receiving planning under a use and ownership scheme would be regulated and only available to first time buyers.

ECONOMY
We are all aware that the Economy needs to grow. If we want to achieve a fair resilient and prosperous society we need to embrace change. The Government’s role is to create an economy that will allow businesses to grow and promote private enterprise, not just regulate. The Economic Development Fund needs to be closely scrutinised and directed to stimulate economic activity.

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BREXIT
In 2011 the Isle of Man Government appointed a Director of European Affairs, based in Brussels to look after our interests and to identify emerging issues to ensure the Isle of Man is fully briefed. The Council of Ministers will no doubt be working in conjunction with our Director of European affairs to ensure the best outcome for the Island.

POLICING AND SECURITY
The chief constable and the Police force should be applauded for the reduction in crime despite their reduced budget.

ENVIRONMENT
The recent UNESCO Biosphere Accreditation is a unique opportunity to develop the tourism sector and showcase the Island and its diverse culture. We are the first country to receive this prestigious endorsement from UNESCO.
TOURISM AND HERITAGE

We need to ring-fence our Heritage sites and retain our unique tourist attractions. Market the Island appropriately and ensure the upkeep of facilities to attract visitors to the Island. The facilities should be utilised to educate our young on the culture of the Island they should be proud to be part of. Horse Trams should be retained and the most cost effective solution implemented to rejuvenate the Promenade retaining the historic features.

PENSIONS

State Pensions - The Government has already announced increase in this and changes implemented from April 2017. Public Sector Pensions - Need to honour current pension provision in order to avoid mass exit of experienced employees from the sector putting the frontline services at further risk. A Money Purchase scheme should be implemented, for new starters.

RATES REFORM

Need to engage in dialogue in order to develop a rating system that is fair to all.

TOPICS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WHILST TALKING TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF ONCHAN

We need to continue to provide social housing and support the elderly in their homes. The Local Commissioners, Health and Social care need to develop further sheltered accommodation and structures to support this which is proven to be more cost effective. This would free up housing stock and will reduce waiting times for young people and their families. There is opportunity in Onchan to develop facilities for all and to enhance the experience for visitors. Onchan Park and Stadium could become an all-weather facility by re-surfacing the track so that all of our community could utilise the facilities to keep active. Options identified for the creation of skateboard and BMX facilities. Revisit the proposal for the recreation of the banked cycle track to provide a first class facility for training and cycling events due the popularity and success of cycling on the Island. This could be achieved through privately funded initiatives investing in the community and in conjunction with national bodies and the Lottery Trust. To make this viable we must effectively negotiate flexible lease agreements with the Commissioners. Constituents have also expressed an interest in the provision of allotments which would benefit the health and well-being of our community. I would look at identifying an area of Government owned land that could be created for such a scheme. Constituents expressed concern with the state of highways and byways, hedgerows and pavements.

MY PROMISE TO YOU

The most rewarding part of my election campaign has been meeting the residents of Onchan, listening to their concerns and expectations for the future. If elected I will be visible and accessible to the constituents of Onchan and will approach my responsibility to you with the same level of commitment that I have applied throughout my career as a public servant.

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PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PETER KARRAN

I have known Julie for the last 20 years. I am sure she has the backbone, tenacity and principled approach to serve Onchan and the Island well against vested interest that has cost you and the next generation dear. She will be a real asset as your MHK.

Peter Karran
Former MHK for Middle and Onchan

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PROTECT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Island’s health system must stay free of charge at the point of delivery and has to be capable of meeting the needs of all residents. That means for example:

1. Protecting frontline staff and services including dental
2. Publishing a list of all consultants, their qualifications and waiting times
3. Appointing an independent regulator to ensure compliance with best practice

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SUSTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH

The role of government is to create the right environment to allow businesses to grow and to promote private enterprise, not just regulate. That means enhanced job opportunities. For example:

1. That Government strategy meets the needs of the entire business community (small to large)
2. Exploring the development of competition in sea freight and transport
3. A fully open and transparent tender process

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ACHIEVE REFORM

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1. Creating a publicly elected LegCo so that laws are made by people accountable to the public
2. Ensuring that the Chief Minister is elected by the public with their stated policies
3. Restricting collective responsibility to Ministers and then only to the policies stated in the programme of government

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INVEST IN EDUCATION

The best investment that we can make is in our young people to reach their full potential. That means:

1. Introducing a university grant system based on achievement
2. Expanding financial assistance for further education and apprenticeships
3. The reintroduction of tax relief on educational covenants

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INVESTIGATE TAXATION & WELFARE

We need a sustainable and competitive taxation strategy to attract individuals and companies to relocate to and operate from the Island while remaining fair to all. That means:

1. Setting up a Tax and Welfare Commission to review the present regimes and make recommendations
2. Phasing out the existing public sector pension scheme whilst protecting benefits accrued to date and identified key sector workers such as medical professionals
3. Developing a fair method of means testing benefits

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RESPECT OUR ELDERLY

Our elderly citizens should be respected and afforded all that they need to continue to enjoy a high quality of life. That means:

1. Ensuring that the basic pension is sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living
2. Assistance to remain in their own homes and maintain their independence
3. Flexible personal care and support budget to enhance choice

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OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

Our beautiful Island has wonderful natural resources and whilst these need to be protected they should also be used as a means of economic and social growth. That means:

1. Energy generation should be clean, sustainable and any excess used for revenue generation
2. Negotiating with the United Kingdom to put an Exclusive Economic Zone in place. (The median line between our coast and our neighbours)
3. Continuing to work towards making the Isle of Man the world’s first biosphere [sustainable] nation

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LAW AND ORDER

We are lucky to live on an island with such low crime but this is currently being undermined by the financial cut-backs. We need to recognise that law and order is not just vital to our quality of life but also has a major impact on the economy by encouraging businesses to relocate here. That means:

1. Prioritising the reduction in domestic abuse
2. Promoting mediation as a first step in dispute resolution
3. Instigating an independent penal review including a thorough review of punishments

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