

# MANIFESTO



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**JULIE EDGE**



**22nd September 2016**



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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 sound foundation and determination to bring about the URGENT STRATEGIC REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT.

I am a Chartered Manager and studied at Henley Management College and have first-hand knowledge of what needs to happen within Government and in your Parliament as one of your elected MHK's

It is my duty to the people of Onchan and the Island to pay attention to the issues that matter to you. Please don't hesitate to let me know your concerns and views so that I can address them and deal with them appropriately.

We must have a Government that is open and transparent, with MHK's leading by example and listening to the voice of the people to enable the vision and direction our Island deserves. We cannot keep repeating previous mistakes.

This is your chance to make a new Government that works together for the wellbeing of the people as its main objective and driving force. This can be achieved by voting for an individual who will act with integrity and work tirelessly for the Onchan constituency.

Yours sincerely  
Julie M Edge

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

TT World Series	£276,000	Hospital Shop	Tender process investigating
TT tendering for fire services	£5740k out of court settlement	Enterprise Development Fund	Should be solely managed by Government and not by outside consultants charging high fees.
Vision Nine	Contract delayed	Demolition of Glenside Nursing Home	Refurbishment was estimated at £2million
Fitness to work	Contract terminated	Purchasing Nursing Home	£8.1 million
Diesel Locomotive	£400,000	Gas Charges	
Sloc resurfacing	£486,000	Toilet Tax	
The Jacksons Concert	Alleged losses of £100,000	Peel Road flooding	
Promenade Consultants and Architects fees	£900,000 +	New Baggage handling facility at airport	
Harbour Dredging	Disregard to Financial Regulations	Capital Project Overspend	
Health Service Failings	10 million overspend on Health 1.2million on catering services.		

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## 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

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## 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.

## POLICY DECISIONS

Voting on policy in Tynwald with **detailed information**. **Commercial confidentiality** should not be an excuse to conceal information from the MHK's. If Companies wish to work for our Government then **open and transparent dealings** must be part of the contract.

## 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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## 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 graduates who receive attractive relocation packages

Introduce policy to encourage our own graduates to come home and support the economy.

Currently Manx students wishing to return to the Island taking up key worker roles do not receive a relocation package that other graduates have the privilege of. **This policy is penalising our own** and needs to be addressed along with a phased reduction loan scheme to pay off their student grants if they come back and commit to the Island over a number of years for our key roles which are market driven.

## 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.

We also need to develop educational pathways to inform the population to avoid many of the health problems of today.

## 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 systems 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**.

Look at options for **rent to buy** schemes and the opportunity of serviced plots which was highly successful in the 1980's and 1990's, which would stimulate economic growth in the construction sector. At the initial application stage, proposed development would need to be regulated and restricted to a specified number of properties per acre thus allowing affordable properties with adequate living space to enable the homeowner to adapt the property as the family grows

## 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.

The Government needs to work in conjunction with the credit union to develop a strategy to decrease or eliminate the use of payday loans for the vulnerable in society. We must be able to negotiate deals with the UK, Europe and the world trade markets we depend upon for our future prosperity.

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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.

An area to focus on is 20% of police officers time dealing with mental health issues. This should be resourced in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Care. This would enable policing budget to direct resources elsewhere and I feel that it should be directed to appropriate frontline services for example Port Security for the protection of the whole Island.

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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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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A LIBVAN CANDIDATE IS WORKING TO:



### 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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### 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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### ACHIEVE REFORM

Changes to the policies and operation of government is at the cornerstone of OUR undertaking to YOU. That means:

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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### 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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### 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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### 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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