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A Liberal Vannin Party Candidate

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Why I'm standing as a Liberal Vannin Party Candidate

The Liberal Vannin Party offers a unique framework for people around the Island to work together to achieve more than they can do alone. A Liberal Vannin Candidate is more than just one person – they are supported by a growing network of experienced and skilled people who can help and advise on a broad range of issues.

Put simply, the Liberal Vannin Party believes in working together, as a team, in order to help you and your local community create a policy for the future benefit for all.

The Liberal Vannin Party offers representation from local to national level without the normal rivalry and one-upmanship of Manx politics.

Unlike independent candidates, as a member of the Liberal Vannin Party I am accountable not only to you, but also to central branch which meets monthly. This means I will be regularly and publicly challenged to be sure I keep the promises made in my manifesto.

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Peter Karran, MHK
Leader of the
Liberal Vannin Party

'Sara Hackman is not afraid to challenge issues when she thinks something is wrong. I believe this sort of spirit has been lacking in Douglas Town Council for some time.'

'Her dedicated determination in wanting to see her local community improve will, I believe, serve her well as a Town Councillor for the whole of St. George's Ward.'

**St. George's Ward Election
24th April 2008**

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Dear Voter,

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto. My name is Sara Hackman, I am 42 and live in Belmont Terrace with my two boys Benjamin (15) and Kristian (9) and our dog, Bruno.

I am your Liberal Vannin Party candidate for St. George's Ward in the forthcoming local elections and I'm standing because I'm passionate about the area in which I live and work.

I work full-time in the financial sector, and part-time for a major retail store in Douglas. I am a committee member of both the 'Friends of Fairfield School' and the 'Friends of Ballakermeen High School' and in my spare time enjoy cooking, travelling and D.I.Y.

I would like to help make a difference by representing the people of St. George's to improve our local environment. I am not content to simply sit back and complain that things are not going right.

If elected, I promise to work hard to protect and improve the quality of life in St. George's Ward, to be accountable to everyone in the town and, most importantly, to listen and be honest.

I will endeavour to bring fresh new ideas to the Douglas Town Council, served up with lots of enthusiasm and dedication.

So please vote for me. Together let's make a difference.

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Issues I intend to tackle

Residential Area:-

Tourism is always high on the agenda of Douglas Town Council and money is being spent to make Douglas an attractive place to live. I believe more should be done to help the owners of older properties framing the major thoroughfare out of Douglas, i.e. Peel Road and Circular Road. A new grant system should be introduced to help upgrade such properties which, due to their age, need extra T.L.C.

Douglas Town Council should be more involved with general planning issues and decisions. People who live in Douglas should be helped to take a stand against large property developers who are thrusting 'out-of-keeping' eyesores upon them.

Children's Play Area:-

There is hardly anywhere in our Ward where children can play outdoors in safety. They need a place where they can skateboard, kick a ball around, and be free to have fun. Our children are turning into 'battery' kids when they should be more 'free range'. Investing in our youth is a key issue I truly believe in and I would pursue this with vigour.

Tourism:-

The horse trams have been an important tourist facility for many years but at a cost to Douglas ratepayers. I believe that the running costs should be the responsibility of the Department of Tourism and Leisure and not just solely the responsibility of Douglas residents.

I will promote other tourist initiatives to make Douglas more attractive to both residents and visitors alike.

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Housing:-

Douglas Town Council must continue to protect the vulnerable in our society. Affordable housing is a subject talked about by many people and the Council needs to find ways to continue to address this issue.

As one of the largest landlords in Douglas, the Council should demonstrate how to make positive changes to our homes. Promoting the use of more low energy products, improving insulation and investigating solar and wind energy schemes are just some of the initiatives I would like to see on the agenda.

Rubbish and the Environment:-

In our Ward we are plagued by fly-tipping and a general build-up of rubbish in our back lanes. The pavements are littered with dog mess and cigarette butts. I support the principle of council-promoted Environmental Campaigns in working towards a cleaner, safer and greener Douglas.

I will work hard to preserve and improve the environment and make Douglas a town to be proud of, and to improve the quality of life for all residents. We should all be proud to live where we do, and should help to eradicate these problems.

Community:-

I believe it is important that the Town Council works in harmony with all sectors of Government to provide more leisure facilities for both old and young, an outcome I will endeavour to deliver.