

# HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTION ONCHAN

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021



VOTE **ROB CALLISTER**   
WORKING TOWARDS A BETTER  
FUTURE FOR US ALL

# Candidate Information and Introduction Letter 2021 House of Keys General Election

**“Working towards a better future for us all”**

**Dear Constituent,**

In the House of Keys General Election to be held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 the Constituency of Onchan will be given an opportunity to elect two members to the House of Keys, and as you may know, I have announced my intention to stand again as a candidate.

My decision to seek re-election as an MHK for Onchan is a simple but important one. I care passionately about our island and for the Community of Onchan, who deserve to have efficient and effective representation in Tynwald, the House of Keys, Government Departments, Parliamentary Committees and in our Community.



Over the past nine years it has been an enormous privilege and honour to serve and to represent the people of Onchan, firstly as an Onchan District Commissioner for four years, before being elected to the House of Keys in September 2016. During that time I have been very visible and engaging with all aspects of our community, approachable, hardworking, and I believe that I have brought a new level of energy to such important roles. I have always endeavoured to represent our constituency and this island to the very best of my ability.



In 2016 I mentioned that the House of Keys General Election was one of the most important for a generation, and that this island will need fresh thinking MHKs who are prepared to work longer, harder and smarter than ever before on your behalf. I would like to think that the people of Onchan have found in me a strong but measured voice to ensure good governance and oversight on those key decisions that are made on their behalf involving finance, delivery and support, especially regarding the Area Plan for the East Public Inquiry, Public Sector Housing, Telecoms, Manx Gas and Community Policing.



The Isle of Man responded incredibly well to Covid-19, and no one could have foreseen the uncertainty and challenges we have all faced as an island community since March 2020. However, our thoughts should now focus on the future and repairing the economic and social damage caused by the pandemic that has had such a detrimental effect on businesses, our community and on general household budgets.



Over the next five years the Isle of Man Government will have to overcome the financial and economic challenges resulting from Covid-19, in order to protect frontline services and jobs, but at the same time create a sustainable and diversified economy that enhances the overall quality of life for us all, whilst also continuing to promote our culture, independence and Manx national identity.

## The next Isle of Man Government must also...

- Continue to re-establish a level of trust, confidence and openness with the people of this island, especially around those difficult decisions facing our whole community.
- Ensure that the Island's economic success post Covid-19 remains the Government's overarching priority.
- Ensure that the newly formed Manx Care delivers high quality, integrated Health and Social Care for island residents, putting patients and service users first, whilst meeting the needs of the individual, along with lifting overall standards and urgently driving down waiting times.
- Ensure delivery of a first-class education system that creates opportunities around education, training and lifelong learning opportunities, in order to ensure that the island's workforce today and in the future has the skills to achieve their true potential in life.
- Address serious growing concerns around homelessness, the use of food banks, Graih, Housing Matters and other charities, along with implementing and delivering an affordable housing strategy over the next five years, in order to meet the changing needs of the island's population.
- Look at ways of accelerating the island's Climate Change Mitigation Strategy, especially around the interim targets between 2021 and 2030.
- Look at introducing incentives that reduce household utility bills including Gas, Electricity, Water, Waste and Telecommunications.
- Address serious concerns around Mental Health, Domestic Abuse and problems caused by drugs on the island, points that have been raised by the Chief Constable.



## If re-elected as an Onchan MHK I will continue to...

- Represent all sections of our Community.
- Work in partnership with the Local Authority, Community Policing and other local groups to represent the best interests of Onchan.
- Represent Onchan Social Housing Tenants, especially around setting fair rents and the overall condition of property and the undertaking of maintenance.
- Request a review of Onchan's bus timetable, in order to ensure that our village is connected to vital services, such as shops, doctors and the hospital.
- Request a review of the overall parking situation in and around our village, especially in the lower parts of Onchan.
- Request an overall review of the condition of all roads and pavements in and around Onchan.

**Further details can be found in my full manifesto, which will be delivered in September.**

## Candidate Information

I am a Fellow with the Chartered Management Institute, a Compliance Professional and a Trust and Estate Practitioner (Dip.(ITM), and I also continue to hold professional memberships with the Chartered Management Institute (FCMI, MCMI) and with the International Compliance Association (MICA).

I am aged 51, and have been married to Ellen since 2006.

I was brought up in Andreas and Ramsey, have lived in Douglas, Onchan and Patrick, before settling down in Abbeylands, Onchan in 2007.



## Public Meetings

### Informal chat with Rob Callister

A chance to discuss your views on the issues facing Onchan and the Isle of Man over tea and coffee.

**Tuesday 7th September 2021 - 7.30pm**

Onchan Community Hub

**Tuesday 14th September 2021 - 7.30pm**

Onchan Community Hub



## Are you Registered to Vote?

Electoral Register Deadline - Thursday 2nd September 2021

## Require an Absent or Proxy Vote?

If you are unable to go to the Polling Station to vote in person, then please contact me if you would like your vote to be taken at your home or by post, or if you wish to appoint a proxy on your behalf.

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