

Dates for your diary

The government are holding three pre-election public meetings for the constituency. These are:

Monday 6th September from 19:00 till 21:00 — St John's Primary School

Thursday 9th September from 19:00 till 21:00 — Foxdale Primary School

Wednesday 15th September from 19:00 till 21:00 — QEII High School

Obviously there is always going to be more to talk about and more issues than I have raised in this document. While I am still trying my best to talk to as many of you as I can, this is a large task and inevitably I won't make it to everyone. If you would like to make sure you talk to me, please don't hesitate to contact me in any of the following ways:-

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Thank you for your time and I hope to speak to you soon.

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Glenfaba and Peel



Hi there,

For those of you who have not had a chance to meet me yet, my name is Michael Lee, but everyone knows me as Mikey, and I am standing to be your representative in the House of Keys Election on the 23rd of September.

I am 32 years old, and I have lived throughout the constituency since I was born but I have lived in St John's for the past 29 years.

After graduating the Isle of Man College with an engineering qualification, I started working for the Isle of Man Post Office as an engineer, which is where I have been for the past 12 years.

In my spare time, I am an avid hockey player and regularly play for Castletown Hockey Club. Furthermore, I volunteer at the Viking Longboat Races in Peel; a great community event.

What I plan on doing

Normally this is the part where I would list a large number of different promises that I would want to keep if I was elected. However, from my experience, they are rarely kept, as each promise will also need to be agreed by the rest of Tynwald if I wanted to go through with them. I will however state my plans that I believe the government should be kept to and if I was elected, they are values that I will try and preserve.

- Make sure there is clear communication between the government and general public so there is minimal miscommunication, hopefully lowering the chance of misinformation being reproduced.
- Holding regular meetings throughout the constituency to give people a chance to communicate and keep me honest about doing the best job possible.
- Need to connect more with teens and young adults to see if there are similar contributing factors that make them want to move off island or stay off Island once they graduate.
- Improve staff retention key roles throughout government.

Local Issues

There are a number of issues that do affect the west of the island that need addressing. If I was elected these are the main concerns that I would push to be completed.

- Peel sewerage needs to be sorted out to stop it being pumped into the bay before any more housing is built.
- Speed of traffic travelling through the built up areas of the constituency needs to be dropped.
- Buses to serve communities to prevent vulnerable people being isolated.
- Peel marina dredging to ensure that there is a sustainable place for the silt to be stored.

National Issues

As well as the local issues that need sorting throughout the constituency, there are always the issues that effect the Island as a whole. Some of these include:

Climate change is affecting everybody, but in my opinion the government needs to lead by example when it comes to using renewable sources of energy. Whether this is through installing solar generators to power government offices or using renewable energy to power fleet vehicles. Even if it was as simple as promoting more ways to recycle household waste, a more sustainable future is something that everyone can help to work towards and can be led by government to show they are serious about the climate emergency that we are all facing.

I feel mental health has sometimes been seen as a taboo subject in large areas of the island. I would endeavour to try and help change this stigma and push for people to be more comfortable talking and accepting that mental health is a very important part of peoples' lives and can affect people in numerous ways. The government also needs to make sure there is sufficient help in place for those in need and improve current provisions. Additionally, there needs to be safeguards and measures in place to make sure they can be retained.

Affordable housing is something that the government needs to produce more of. Whether it is through building more government housing, which could then be used in a rent-to-buy scheme or even changing planning regulations to stipulate a higher percentage of new builds need to be classed as affordable. We need to make sure that current and future generations of local young people can put down roots and afford somewhere to call their own.