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Dear voter.

Fundamental to our new administration should be efficiency, clarity and simplicity in everything.

I believe government make communication complicated, fussy and expensive. I also find spending on glossy and difficult to read brochures and signs wasteful and at odds with candidate's promises on spending and the environment. My total campaign spend will be less than one third of that allowed. It will be minimal in cost, waste and complexity.

As such you might find the style of my manifesto unusual. The aim is to give as much information as possible and encourage you to contact me with any questions. You don't always need to copy what others do and use colour and photos. Sometimes the best solution isn't the one we are used to or expect, it is just one that is simple and cost effective.

### **Introduction.**

I am 45 and a very proud Manx man with my family roots well and truly in Ramsey.

We are buying a home in the heart of Ramsey on Mona Street, but due to a much longer than planned purchase process I am running my campaign from our current address in Dalby.

I started work in IT in 1993 and by 2005 was working on significant infrastructure and security projects for an island-based gaming business.

For 14 of the last 16 years, I have run my own businesses designing, selling and configuring home technology systems including several six figure projects.

### **Ramsey.**

Ramsey needs and deserves MHK's who as well as working on a national level will prioritise their constituents and do all they can to encourage government to assist the commissioners, the private sector and all rate payers of Ramsey to bring more investment to the town.

Ramsey needs MHK's who will strive to bring the quayside works and flood defences to fruition with schemes that suit Ramsey. Those MHK's must commit to work across departments and with the residents and businesses to ensure that works are completed on time and are well communicated. There cannot be a repeat of Douglas promenade or even the regeneration works on and around Parliament Street.

### **Housing. Young people. Skills shortages. Declining birth rate.**

These issues are all closely linked and if left unchecked lead the way to major problems. We must encourage our young people to stay by offering them broad employment and leisure options and by supporting them to purchase homes. This would benefit us all by going some way to resolving skills shortages and making it more attractive for businesses to move here,

in turn further improving work options and reasons to stay on island and so making more hospitality and recreation businesses viable creating a virtuous circle.

## Climate change and the environment.

As an island we must do all we can to reduce our own environmental impact.

However, as an island we can make a greater environmental impact and grow our economy by aiming to become a centre of excellence for environmental innovation.

Pro-actively attract and incentivise businesses working on new ways of producing power, new ways of managing energy usage, new methods of recycling etc to have a presence here. Give them reasons to test their ideas here. A few success stories and as well as boosting our economy and raising the islands profile the Isle of Man could really contribute to the global effort in a way that we simply cannot by only concentrating on our own contributions.

### I would not:

- Support the proposed Marina development and building on South Beach. We wouldn't be moving to a property 70m from South Beach if we didn't love it as it is.
- Support an all-island speed limit. I think we could achieve more immediate results by enforcing the limits we already have and improving road markings and signage. Also, through better driver education and training.

### I would:

- Drive investigation into a more realistic Marina that preserves the beach and benefits Ramsey.
- Encourage Manx Care to make better use of the Ramsey Cottage Hospital and improvements in general healthcare services in the north.
- Support the decriminalisation of cannabis for recreational use. Provided it was still illegal to import without license so that supply was controlled and regulated.
- Propose a scheme where property when it first goes on sale is only available to people wanting to live in it as their primary residence to prevent locals losing out to investors.
- Be a trustworthy, hardworking, approachable MHK who would work tirelessly to make Ramsey the envy of the rest of the island. I can't think of a role I would enjoy and relish more and this belief has only grown stronger as I speak to people and hear their concerns and issues.

I hope the above is clear and that in conjunction with the various press coverage gives you an idea of who I am and what I would offer. I also hope to meet you before election day but as you will appreciate it is unlikely that everyone will be home when I call so please contact me using the details at the top if we haven't yet spoken and you would like to do so.

Thank you

