

In our Parishes

The heart of our Island communities

I want to provide parishes with the resources to strengthen their role as the foundation of our island community. As government demands more from the parishes for initiatives like the Jersey Care Model and the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, I believe it should pay the parishes for these services and so provide greater funding to our parish halls.

I will focus on creating better bus, pedestrian and cycle access to our parishes, including the creation of pedestrian crossings at key points on main roads, such as a crossing from Trinity School to the Riley Field or from St John's Parish Hall to the village. One of my successful amendments to the Island Plan will mean better access to Waterworks Valley.

Similarly, I want to ensure bus stops on main roads are safe and will continue working with the parishes and the Infrastructure Department to achieve this aim. Through my experience of working to do this on bus stops on la Grande Route de St Laurens, I now have a better understanding of the hurdles that have to be overcome and would like to continue the work that I started on this before the pandemic.

Another of my successful Island Plan amendments will see that the character of parish villages is maintained and I will work to ensure the frameworks to achieve this are delivered by government.

I have been an active member of St Lawrence Battle of Flowers and the Twinning Association. The new, larger electoral district will mean I can extend this work to St John and Trinity, working with the Connétables to create a deeper sense of community and helping the island develop stronger links with Normandy and Brittany in the post-Brexit era.

Hospital & Healthcare

I know many people are sceptical of the hospital site at Overdale. I am open to reviewing the scale of the development and possibly maintaining some services of Gloucester St but I will not stand for wasting another £50 million by just ending the current project. With such high inflation, every day that the hospital project is delayed means the cost to islanders is greater.

Our healthcare system needs to serve all islanders and must be able to withstand economic downturns. We need GPs, dentists as well as hospital clinicians and management to work together to develop the Jersey Care Model. I want to ensure that primary care providers are engaged in the conversation and taken seriously by government as it develops healthcare in Jersey.

Key Propositions & Amends

Over the past 4 years, I've had many propositions and amendments adopted, including:

- > Putting Jersey Businesses First
- > Making the Government report its use of consultants.
- > Extra public scrutiny of Assisted Dying legislation
- > Air quality monitoring of quarries
- > Limiting future government borrowing

I am grateful to the following people for nominating me:

- > Tina Palmer
- > Jill Keogh
- > Tracey Carter> Derrick Frigot
- > Carl Hinault
- > Kevin Keen
- > Graham Hughes> Debbie Rowland
- > Phil Rondel
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Listening to Islanders

As a Deputy, Scrutiny Chair and Assistant Minister, I've had the privilege of meeting and listening to islanders of all ages and backgrounds. Their views and feedback help me understand that the government should focus on the following priorities:

Coping with the Cost of Living

The increasing cost of living is hurting islanders but the reality is that Jersey's government has few tools to reduce prices. However, it can and must help hard-working individuals and families cope with such sharp rises.

One effective way to help, is to increase the thresholds at which people start paying tax. This will put money straight back into the pockets of those working people who need support. If elected, I will put pressure on the Treasury Minister to do this or, if they choose not to, I will bring my own amendment to the government's budget. Such a measure will help islanders who don't earn large amounts but who earn too much to receive income support.

Homes for Islanders not Speculators

Homes should be for islanders to live in and not for short-term speculation. Higher stamp duty on the purchase of multiple properties could be used to cool off the market and create space in it for home-buyers.

Rents in Jersey are very high, with people often paying over 1/3 of their incomes to landlords. The Treasury Minister should investigate income tax rental relief to help islanders who rent.

No More Government Debt

I am very concerned about the Island's level of debt, which will be more than £1.4 billion once bonds for the hospital are issued. Jersey does not print its own currency and so should only use debt as the exception, not the norm.

Earlier this year, I brought a successful proposition to the States which restricts the amount of debt government can borrow outside of emergencies. I will continue to advocate living within our means rather than taking on debt.

Quick Stats

406 Questions lodged 2018-2021

23 Propositions lodged

253 Speeches made 2018-2021

27 Amendments lodged

Our Sustainable Island

Sustainability means ensuring that Jersey's economy is in balance with our society and environment. Throughout my four years as a States Member, I have worked with this aim, including bringing an amendment to the Carbon Neutral debate that means government must take into account the effects of its policies on people with low incomes.

Preparing the way for a sustainable and stable population

This means reducing our reliance on personal taxation and changing the social security system so it doesn't require constant population growth. We need an all-encompassing review of public finances to enable us to move away from the current model which requires a constant stream of more people.

Delivering housing that is affordable and sustainable

Encouraging modular construction and lowenergy properties. I will back shared equity schemes and other initiatives to enable young people to access the housing ladder.

This also means a property market that is focused on properties being sold for people to live in rather than for speculation. We need to make sure all available homes are being used to house islanders by identifying available vacant properties and then charging those owners who keep them needlessly unused.

Protecting our heritage

Jersey's identity and its future depends on the protection and understanding of our heritage. I have worked to protect our rural environment, our incredible history and our unique language, Jèrriais and will continue to do so if I am reelected.

Our prosperous future

Championing Jersey's Enterprise Economy

Jersey's greatest advantage is our enterprising nature. I've spent the past four years championing Jersey businesses and working to support the rural, marine and artistic economies, helping them grow, diversify and creating career paths that will enable younger generations to choose to stay in Jersey. I want to maintain this focus on enterprise, helping develop businesses and social enterprises that will diversify and drive our economy forward in a sustainable way for all islanders.

Meeting our carbon net zero targets will depend on 'Green Growth' to help us solve the challenges of increasing productivity whilst maintaining a stable population and reducing carbon emissions. Evie is a fantastic example of such a company challenging an unsustainable culture. We need to invest in and champion enterprises like this.

Developing our Talent

Creating lifelong learning accounts that will empower each of us to develop the skills we need to enjoy the careers we choose. These use the social security system to unlock millions for skills development that will help us maintain the careers that we want and that enterprises need.

I've seen first-hand that increasing regulation has created enormous costs for the agricultural sector and believe that we should review the level of regulation for all small businesses to ensure Jersey remains an enterprising island.

Helping commercial and social entrepreneurs to overcome the problems of high commercial rents by providing short-term, low-cost lets on States' properties such as the Town Markets, to enable enterprising ideas to be tested without plunging entrepreneurs into debt should they fail.

Encouraging young islanders to become mentrepreneurs by bringing a stronger focus onto entrepreneurial skills, creativity and innovation in secondary schools.

Accessible Healthcare

Providing mental health services that work for all age groups and reducing the bureaucracy that creates obstacles to accessing healthcare are priorities that I will push for government to deal with. Our children and young people need mental health services that they can access easily without having to wait until a crisis point is reached.

Older islanders who need long-term care should not have to cope with a deluge of bureaucracy in order to access it. Those islanders whose lives have been transformed by the sudden need to care for loved ones, should receive proper support so they can maintain their own lives as they look after others.

Working for you

We can enjoy an enormously prosperous future if we are prepared to square up to the real challenges that we face and if we can trust that our government is working for us and is accountable to us.

Working hard for islanders

When choosing who to vote for in this election, the past four years have led me to the conclusion that the most important qualification for States Members is that they are bright and hard-working islanders who want to prioritise the development of a sustainable and prosperous future for us all.

Over the past four years, I have worked hard to engage with the political conversation in the island. I've been active as a States Member, a member of scrutiny and over the past year, an assistant minister. I've focused on environmental and economic matters and during that time, I've learned an enormous amount about the workings of government, I've built relationships among States Members and the public service and have an understanding of many of the complex issues that are before us.

Transparent & Accountable Government

In such a small community, having an open and transparent government is vital and during my time as both a member of scrutiny and an assistant minister I've kept this belief at the forefront of my mind. I've lodged hundreds of questions, 50 amendments and propositions, including seven amendments to the Island Plan, six of which were adopted by the Assembly including two related to my parish and others designed to strengthen Jersey's economy.

Working together gets the best results

As I stand again for election, this time in the parishes of Trinity, St John as well as St Lawrence, I'm doing so on a platform of encouraging greater cooperation among States Members so that we can move the island towards a truly sustainable and prosperous future that offers opportunities for everyone, particularly young people, to achieve their goals.