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- **Affordable Healthcare** No one should be denied access to timely primary care due to cost
- **Mental Health Resilience** I am committed to delivering a Mental Health and Wellbeing centre
- **Revive and Thrive** We must invest to create a resilient, resourceful economy
- **Bring health services into the community** I will build on the foundations of the Partnership of Purpose
- **Justice Framework** I am committed to improving outcomes for society and individuals

Personal statement

My name is Rhian Tooley. I am a qualified teacher and Youth Worker and former HR manager. I am passionate about Guernsey and this community. I spend my spare time walking my dog with a camera in hand and cheering on my children who are educated in States schools. A fuller version of my manifesto appears on my website - or I can post/email a copy on request.

Manifesto

I have been Vice President of the Committee for Health and Social Care since I was elected in 2016. I am committed to making healthcare affordable for all. We have reduced the cost of children’s medical appointments, made contraception free to under 21s and improved screening for cancer. I was instrumental in changing the outdated abortion laws and introducing capacity legislation. I am proud to be part of the team who shaped our response to the pandemic and aided our community’s success in eliminating the virus in the Bailiwick

enabling the return to work and education ahead of our neighbours. I secured states funding for the Sports Strategy and Guernesiais Language Commission. I fought for Further Education to be delivered in purpose-built facilities and I’m delighted that we’ve made good progress on The Guernsey Institute. I will always work to ensure that all our community are treated fairly and I seconded the amendment which brought forward anti-discrimination protection on grounds of sexuality and religion.

We need to invest in the Revive and Thrive Strategy to create a resilient, resourceful and sustainable economy. We must invest in Green finance, the digital economy, health tech and tourism to take Guernsey forward. The review of taxation must be completed before changes are made and any system must be fair and proportionate. We need to understand people’s concerns and acknowledge those who cannot bear further taxation. I will prioritise efficiency to reduce the need for tax revenue.

Education is a subject close to my heart. I have

experience of teaching in both private and state schools and I’ve worked as a Youth and Children’s Worker. My children (one of whom has Special Educational Needs) attend States schools. Every child deserves the best possible education to meet their individual needs; no child should be left behind. I’ve been a member of ESC since 2018 and it’s no secret that I have supported the One School/ Two Sites model. I’m committed to finding the best possible education system for all our children, whatever form that takes. I will continue to research and I will respect the review and vote based on the evidence and the needs of all our children.

I support the Primary Schools’ and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Education reviews. Many of our students are in unsuitable facilities and we need to understand the issues and create solutions.

The Guernsey Institute and **Skills Guernsey** should be supported to equip Islanders of all ages for future workplaces, focusing on older people and those who wish to continue working or retrain as well as school leavers. This will create a more **resilient home-grown workforce**, responsive to the needs of our community and economy.

Guernsey has a growing reputation as a leading **Green Finance** jurisdiction and we need to lead by example with our commitment to local environmental policy. We must deliver our carbon reduction targets, improve energy efficiency and, in the transition to a low carbon economy, we must support those who struggle to meet increased costs.

We need a review to modernise our **Justice Framework** and in particular consider its interaction with health, education and poverty. As Vice-President of HSC I prioritised commissioning a review into Substance Use and Misuse and we have made it possible for service users to access medicinal cannabis where appropriate. It is time for an evidence-based debate on the advantages and disadvantages of decriminalising, or even regulating, cannabis.

Independent reviews show that Guernsey’s **Health and Social Care** services are good but we know there’s room for improvement. Making healthcare affordable will require some changes to our system, work we have begun and which needs to move forward at pace. We must invest more in preventative healthcare measures which reduce long-term costs. **The Partnership of Purpose** and hospital modernisation

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programme are key to increasing capacity and enabling new ways of working which will improve lives and health outcomes across our society.

I am a member of **The Guernsey Partnership of Independents** because I believe Guernsey’s government should be formed by **independent deputies working together for the good of our island community**. I bring experience, insight and the willingness to find compromise which will be needed for the next four years. I will continue to work constructively to build our economy and strengthen our society making a better future for all.

Please consider giving me your vote on October 7th.

