



## HOUSING

During my time as a member of the Housing Department I was fortunate enough to help introduce our first housing association and oversee a real investment in States House refurbishment. However we have taken our eye off of the ball somewhat. The Guernsey Housing Association do some great work, but in isolation they cannot deliver all of our housing requirements, after all they work in a niche area.

### But what can we do?

I would like to see a loan deposit scheme to help first time buyers.

## THE OPEN MARKET

The population debate saw the role of the OM in sharp focus, members reaffirmed their support for those residents. Clearly many individuals who move to Guernsey contribute in the broadest sense to community life. It's also important to note there are a number of older people living alone in the

To press ahead with planning laws that are flexible enough to embrace covenants so we can build affordable housing.

Continued investigation as to whether we can have a 'Guernsey Bank' that understands the local housing market.

Also we need to look again at the potential for the States to build what we all understand to be States Houses.

Emergency housing too would provide a welcome safety net for some families.

Open Market without close family support, whose needs are real and urgent they should not be overlooked, there is more than one dimension to the OM.

## THE VIBRANT THIRD SECTOR

Evidently when it comes to good ideas Government does not have a monopoly, that's why the role of the community is so important. The recent excellent initiative at La Vallette has been, well, brilliant. Pat Johnson and his team have worked incredibly hard at reclaiming both our public realm and elements of our history. For my part I took the (8<sup>th</sup>) Plunge and contributed in a small way, Government would look foolish not to realise the potential of its only natural resource, it's people.

## ENVIRONMENT

I was delighted when Herm Jethou and the humps were given Ramsar status, a real reward for a beautiful part of our Bailiwick. Such measures give Herm an opportunity to promote itself in the ever more competitive tourism market.

I fully support close cooperative working relationships with third sector partners who can deliver real service to the community, whether training flats, sporting projects or youth facilities we can and should wherever possible scale back big government, at the same time ensuring our duty of care through proportionate governance measures.

Open Planning Meetings are now well established, they provide a welcome element of public scrutiny to decision making. At times, like all parishioners, I'm frustrated at the time it can take to commence work following an approval to build, but that delay is usually down to economic considerations, the global context, rather than local planning issues.

## LESS IS MORE

I supported and long argued for smaller Government, I believe the reduction in States members to 38 from 45 is a sensible move and will assist with more concise debate and more focussed decision making. A smaller Committee structure with Policy and Resources at the very centre is a logical and welcome change. I voted in favour of the States Assembly and Constitution Committee reporting back with proposals on the mechanics of Island Wide Voting. IWV, in my view, is not a yes no question, electing all candidates on one day, with as many as 95 candidates on one ballot paper does present certain challenges.

I believe there is potential to move to larger constituencies and in the case of St Peter Port, reverting back to one electoral district if IWV is not considered appropriate.

## WASTE

With growing concerns over the manner in which our Waste Strategy has drifted, I would suggest a position statement is made to the new Assembly as a matter of urgency.

Whatever system of government we adopt we must remain focussed on our decision making, and learn to respect those decisions rather than keep flip flopping or back tracking. I was supportive of lowering the voting age to 16, liberalisation of the Sunday trading laws, and working to a more inclusive society by recognising equal marriage.

Having sat in on the Youth Forum Parliament and witnessed the high standard of debate its clear allowing 16 year olds to participate in this election was absolutely the right decision.

## EDUCATION

The States by a majority have instructed the Committee for Education Sport and Culture to report back with a three school model without selection at eleven I support that decision. There are real and significant challenges ahead, the

Department has had to deal with the consequences of fractured decision making and amendments that have, at times, sent it in a direction of travel that has not led to the best outcomes for the majority of children.

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The following areas remain of concern to me.

- The obligation to deliver on outdated FTP targets (Financial Transformation)
- Staff shortages but nurses in particular.
- The reliance on agency staff and the resultant overspend.
- Recruitment and retention throughout the organisation.
- Recent governance issues identified in the (Alderney) Lyons Report.
- The ability to resource community services to help keep individuals at home.
- Demands on staff within existing children's services.
- Incremental emerging expenditure relating to the NMC review.

- Ability to adapt to the increasing demands of an ageing community.
- Governance and oversight in delivering services with partners such as the MSG.

I feel it is necessary to highlight these areas, as in the months ahead Policy and Resources will have to identify areas of specific need. Health and Social Care has to be the number one priority. Whilst we have found £28M worth of savings, we cannot save our way out of a structural deficit, in acknowledging the nature of the challenge it should focus the mind with regard to any future revision of our corporate tax regime.

We also need to do what we can as individuals to ensure the we are not the next client for the health service, I fully support the Health Promotion Unit, a great practical example of how we can spend to save, education, as ever, is the key.







TRANSPORT

The States initially endorsed the Transport Strategy, but then at a later stage sought to amend the funding mechanisms, so paid parking was rejected. I have no intention of revisiting paid parking I also believe it would be ill-judged for any future Committee to attempt to introduce it.

In the meantime there have been a number of positive developments, both large and small. There is no doubt the bus service is a success story with ever increasing ridership levels, the latest Bus App and student pass have both proved popular. A revision of the Residents Parking Scheme to assist those who live in St Peter Port, ‘access all’ disability

PAID PARKING

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taxis, raised tables and infrastructure to assist wheel chair users, along with small car parking initiatives which are hugely popular.

We shouldn’t overlook our bus service for some of the 7 thousand or so people who do not drive, it’s roll is significant and I believe it should be seen as an important public service. The service gives many people (both young and old) a degree of independence they would not have otherwise. We should also continue to work on projects that make town accessible, attractive and that increase footfall, as well as enhance areas to ensure people stay, sit and spend!

And finally.

I am essentially a people person, that element of my character is reflected in the areas I am politically drawn to, Health, Environment, Social Policy, and the ‘how it works’ side of Scrutiny. Under our system of government no one individual can take credit for policy initiatives that are delivered by the Assembly as a whole, a group of 47 people, soon to become 40. Our system works on the basis we all contribute and despite perhaps some urban myth and legend there are some very gifted individuals in our Parliament.

At this time I should imagine the majority of manifestos will be calling for fiscal restraint, and rightly so, government doesn’t have money, it has your money! So decision making in the light of a structural deficit becomes all the more difficult when the demands on services are high and the tax revenue low. Like many others I would like to see our current corporate tax structure revisited, but recognise that Guernsey does not exist in isolation and we must remain accutely aware of where our competitors are placed.

There can be no doubt the relationship between the States and the electorate, you the islander, has been difficult over the past four years.

Some of that tension exists because of the very nature of restraint and services being compromised, but clearly dissatisfaction with government is understandable when government has appeared ill at ease with itself. I believe at times some of that tension could be defused if Departments were less reactive and more proactive. Also we should never be afraid to acknowledge when we have got something wrong, and clearly with elements of certain policies, at times I have to to say, I have.

Guernsey is a great place to live and work, and I feel privileged to hold the position I do.

Three words perhaps encapsulate the roll and my approach, **People**, working for the constituents on many individual cases, the **Parish**, ensuring our town is accessible, successful and safe. **Parliament** overseeing policy and legislation that is to the benefit of our entire island without being intrusive or burdensome.

I very much hope on April the 27th you will give me one of your votes.

Please note this manifesto has been delivered by me personally in an effort to meet as many of you as is possible.

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BREHAUT BARRY LESLIE

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Vote for Barry Brehaut

St. Peter Port South

An update, briefly looking back.

Dear Elector

For those of you who do not know me I am 52 years old, I have been married to Olwen (who is a nurse) for almost 22 years and we have two children, Etienne who is 15 and Verity who is 11. Needless to say, like so many of you I am familiar with the every day demands and pressures on family life, my politics are informed by the real world around me, I am a full time politician. I was delighted to be elected for a third term and would like to thank those of you who have remained supportive over the past 12 years.

What did I say I wanted to achieve back in 2012?

- A reduction in States members and Departments.
- To provide our island community with a modern fit for purpose mental health facility.
- To introduce a modern, workable equitable benefit system.
- To build on the solid foundation of the Scrutiny and Public Accounts Committees.
- To strive to avoid the necessity for GST (I voted against its introduction)
- A tax structure that does not overburden our community with excessive new taxes.

- To continue to promote and support our bus (social) service.
- To remain focussed on inclusive social policies.

Of course all of the above could only be delivered with the support of numerous political colleagues and the hard work of individuals across the Assembly.

The pressure to continue to resist any real increase in public expenditure and the need to meet those ‘must do’ demands, as well as protect the most vulnerable members of our community, is a pressure that remains. The challenges are real and anyone standing in this election will surely be aware that there is a considerable amount of work yet to do.

What positions have I held during my time in the States?

- Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services.
- Deputy Minister of the Environment Department.
- Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.
- Member of the Housing Department.
- Chair of the Children and Young People’s Plan.
- Member of PSRC responsible for public sector pay negotiation and pensions.

I would like to thank my proposer Vicky Leadbeater and my seconder Peter Harwood.