St Sampson's Please Vote for - Lyndon Trott

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Dear Elector - Thank you for reading this statement explaining why I would be proud and privileged to represent you for a fifth consecutive term and why I think a vote for me would also be a vote for St Sampson's and our island. My background, plus 16 years in the States, has led people to say that I'm trusted and, importantly, tested. They say I've got

the experience and expertise, demonstrated when I was chief minister, to help make things better. I hope you agree, but before I explain in more detail why I'm asking for your vote, here's what I will do on your behalf if re-elected:

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My pledges...

- **1.** I will insist that hard-working families keep as much of their hard-earned income as possible through sticking to policies that keep States spending and taxes under control.
 - 2. I will ensure that pensioners continue to receive the help and support that they need. They are not a burden; they are people who have made a lifelong contribution to our island.
 - **3.** I will fight for our island and stand up to the international threats which face our finance and fishing industries in particular.
 - 4. I will continue to represent St Sampson's with energy and experience, whether in opposing over-development, overcrowding or over-spending by government.

- **5.** I will drive the next States to set the priorities we need to keep our economy strong, including secure air and sea links, balancing the books and living within our means.
- 6. I will consult with as many St Sampson's electors as possible in order to understand whether you believe that the States' decision to end all forms of selection at 11 was the right one.
- 7. I will maintain my support for Island wide voting and my opposition to paid parking and GST.

"I have found him to be a man of the utmost integrity. Lyndon's experience as Parish Deputy, Treasury Minister and Chief Minister is a combination unique in Guernsey politics. This wide experience will be needed as Guernsey faces continued challenges internally and externally, which is why I am proposing him for election."

Retiring Deputy and St Sampson's Douzenier Peter Gillson

Our parish...

It is important St Sampson's parishioners have an active voice over building and development. That's why I support protecting Pointues Rocques Conservation Area in the face of the proposed Delancey over-development and I was the only parish deputy who attended the Planning Inquiry to make representations against the development.

I will also continue to champion an island-wide planning policy. Only that way can we ensure we have the right island mix of properties and it is the only way to ensure development here is right for our parish, like encouraging business to look at innovative ways to reinvigorate the Bridge. That can be done and, if I have a say in it, it will be done in a



way that protects and enhances the capital of the parish, recognising those who live and work there, rather than simply ruining the area through over density.

Since deciding to seek re-election, I have been thanked for my contribution to the Douzaine and I fully intend to maintain that commitment to the parochial issues that really affect people's lives. It is a pleasure and a privilege to help, wherever and whenever I can.

"The importance of Lyndon's political and financial experience cannot be underestimated." Patrick Firth, chairman of the Guernsey International Business Association, GP 20/11/15

Lyndon Trott...

...is aged 51 and married to Karen, nee Tostevin, with three children: a son, 19, and two daughters of 16 and $2\frac{1}{2}$.

He was educated at Elizabeth College and studied as an accountant. He worked in banking but also as a self-employed commercial fisherman and in construction – industries that helped shape Guernsey's economy.

He lived in St Sampson for more than 30 years and is proud to have represented it since 2000 – a total of 16 years. During that time he served full terms as Treasury and Resources Minister and as Chief Minister – the only deputy ever to do so.

He stood up in Westminster, Brussels and Washington for the island's independence and way of life. As a member of the Board of Commerce and Employment, he continues to fight for the fishing and construction industries, because of the benefits they bring.

He was honoured to be asked to become unpaid Chairman of Guernsey Finance, enabling him actively to support a sector that brings jobs and prosperity and which underpins vital public services.

As you may know, he is standing in St Sampson's while currently living in another parish.

Why?

'That's easy to explain,' he says. 'I couldn't consider standing anywhere else! I am a St Sampson's boy through and through. St Sampson's is my spiritual home and standing in any other electoral district just wouldn't be right, and I hope you agree.'

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Political career at a glance...

2000-2004 - Backbencher, serving on a number of committees including the Board of Administration and Sea Fisheries.	2008-2012 – Chief Minister	2000-2016 – Continuously looking after the interests of the people of St Sampson's and the Island
2004-2008 – Treasury Minister	2012-2016 – Backbencher, serving on Commerce and Employment, the Constitutional Investigation Committee and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and several ad hoc working parties of the States.	

A background in business...

He is a qualified director and, for the last decade, has been on the board of a successful, locally owned and locally staffed fiduciary company specialising in pension administration. He is also a non-executive director of one of the world's largest independent fund administrators which employs over 500 people globally, while remaining a Guernsey company. Changes to the island's system of government come into effect in May, which mean there will be fewer States members and a reduced number of departments, so experience and flexibility will be essential to make the new political structure work efficiently and effectively on your behalf.



Lyndon with his youngest daughter Seren and wife Karen

Our island...

In 2012, I promised to fight GST, an unfair sales tax that hits hard-working families worst. I did just that, and we won that fight. If the new States tries to introduce GST, I will lead opposition to it as I did in the past.

Links to Jersey, the UK and France are vital. We need to prioritise and improve them. We must consider if our essential ferry operation should be owned by the States to ensure this lifeline link is reliable and fit for purpose. Being in States' hands doesn't mean it has to be a burden on taxpayers. After all, I was responsible for government buying the fuel ships and many believe that was one of the wisest decisions made by the States – and the investment makes in excess of £500,000 a year profit!

The construction industry is vital for jobs. We need to support island-wide development using local businesses and local people. We need to restore the economic construction model I introduced to ensure development is planned in a way that helps the industry. The States foolishly got rid of it, but I will bring it back so the sector has a steady flow of States' projects, rather than the current feast or famine.

As a member of the States Constitutional Investigation Committee, we proposed greater autonomy over introducing legislation and how we work on the international stage. I will help make sure those recommendations are implemented. We have long punched above our weight on constitutional matters, and it is essential we continue to do so if we are to prosper.



Being a States member is hard work but Lyndon Trott can still make time for the traditional Guernsey activity of ormering. In case you were wondering, he managed a dozen.

"I have always found you can completely trust Lyndon to do what he says he will do and that is a quality not to be underestimated in Government."

Scott Ogier, retiring St Sampson's Deputy

Our public services...

Some talk about the island's demographic challenge as if older folk are a problem. They are not. They built the prosperity we enjoy today. We owe them – not the other way round. I will continue to fight to ensure our parents and grandparents – our pensioners – get a fair income, good health and social care and the right help and support.

The public sector has many hard-working people delivering excellent services. But we need to ensure it does not keep expanding. I will maintain focus on keeping down the cost and size of government. That's the best way of holding back tax rises and ensuring you keep as much of your hard-earned money as possible.

Since 2008, States' income has risen by just 10% yet spending has gone up by 20%, driven by a wage bill that rose by 30%.

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That is simply unsustainable and that focus on expenditure must be restored.

The States should not intervene in every aspect of island life or what islanders do. That is why as a member of Commerce and Employment I supported businesses deciding if they wanted to open on Sundays. It's why I did not support a transport 'strategy' designed to stop people using their cars.

We need small government letting people and businesses take decisions for themselves, not Nanny Government telling us how to run our lives.

We must learn to live within our means and stop the waste, particularly on legal fees and project consultants, that has plagued this last term of the States.

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