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# JOHN GOLLOP

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St. Peter Port North



## For a better future today and tomorrow 2020 Vision

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Dear St. Peter Port North Voter and fellow resident.

Giving Leadership to our town  
and our politics.

And making the future work in a professional manner.

My name is John Gollop. I have served 19 years as a Town professional politician and am both the longest serving Deputy on the island (Mary Lowe was an island wide Conseiller when I first joined) and the youngest Deputy re standing for St. Peter Port North, I have a great combination of youthful outlook and solid experience.

I have already served as chairman of two committees, vice chairman of two committees. Sat on 4 Ministerial Department Boards and worked on Scrutiny for eight years. I have also represented the island on several but not enough occasions and worked on at least nine other States committees including Tax review, welfare review, Excluded children, overseas aid, arts and heritage as well as SACC, an In House parliamentary reform committee I would now like to lead, and improve the delivery of political and parliamentary work.

More about John Gollop  
the person

- **Went to school in St. Peter Port North including Elizabeth College.**
- **Experience as a company director of Green Isle Management a property owning company, an insurance directorship and co owner of the Guernsey Employment agency.**

- **Past President Guernsey Association and Self Employed.**
- **Disabled People's Champion 2012 - 2014 and member of MIND committee for nine years.**
- **Regular Drama eisteddfod performer with interests in transport, arts, walking, history, cinema and books.**
- **Experienced student of international affairs and conferences including Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Events.**

I am a University of Kent honours graduate in law and at postgraduate level studied psychotherapy . I am particularly interested in economic issues and belong to the Chamber of Commerce YBG and regularly attend IOD events too. I believe it is important for political representatives to keep in touch with new ideas, business developments and opinion formers across the community.

Environmental issues are important to me too and I do support some but not all Green policies which are appropriate for our type and style of community.

I have lived in St Peter Port for over forty years and recently moved into the very heart of the St Peter Port North district and community Rosaire Avenue a good central location to visit homes, and walk around the picturesque gardens in Candie and Cambridge Park, as well as get fitter at Beau Sejour!

**My easy access phone numbers is 07781144878**

**Yours sincerely JOHN GOLLOP**

# What do I want to do for the future?

## BRING TRUST BACK

Government must be seen to consult properly and fairly. No lengthy trick questions, 30 page brochures, ambiguous results to ignore or misinterpret. If the States really no better don't go through the sham of communication and then ignore the response.

## IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY

If I lead the new Scrutiny body I will ensure more reviews are held in public, blending political questioning with both legal skills and expert non politicians from the community on panels. Public Accounts work, legislative scrutiny and general policy questioning needs to be heard in public with both political committee members and civil servants held to public account. Such reports need to be recorded and published immediately and debated in public within a three month deadline. No more lessons learned do nothing impotence from a decade ago

## GET OUR VALUES RIGHT

We must ensure local people are treated fairly first, they can access to rent or buy affordable homes with States help not hindrance. Home deposits help, States support, a Right to Buy and improved self build are my priorities as we'll as o building more extra care facilities and need social housing with partial share ownership.

## FOCUS ON REAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS

Let's look beyond the quay issue and focus on the key issues of improving further public transport including more minibus routes in Town, Demand responsive transport and shared cycles. Let's work together with the motor car user and car industry locally to produce some win win solutions. Bus use has been growing again despite cheaper petrol and less tourists so we are doing something right!

## BRING BACK THE FEELGOOD FACTOR

We really need to appreciate what we have already got and make it better. We'd have an excellent Disability and Inclusion strategy. Lets get on with if and the law too, Civil service obstructions such as people movements, retirements, wrong staff grading etc shouldn't be allowed by us Politicians to get in the way. We need sustained political leadership of the team to hire and fire reorganise and outsource civil service functions to the private or voluntary sector to get things done, Years of delay with policy, legislation cannot work tin today's competing world. We need to empower political leaders to shape the agenda and take control. It is no longer safe to ignore costly or inefficient operations. However public sector teams that work well deserve a competitive salary package and high praise if due, We can be proud that we as a small local authority can run a mini nations state which many envy or wish to move to!

## MAKING THE NEW SYSTEM WORK

We have To ensure the radical and dramatic transition from Ministers and Departmental works. We have lost a coordinating Policy Council of ministers and a focussed treasury department on expenditure as well as a Public Accounts specialist function and at least seven members we need continuity, experience and patience.

## REALLY LISTEN

Any one who knows me know that I really listen to the public both collectively and individual,y, I always make an effort to attend events, get people s meetings going run disability surgeries and walk the streets, we need people who want your ideals not just express s their own bias.

## PAINTING PICTURES AND DREAMING DREAMS

I want a vision where virtually everyone regardless, of gender, disability, income, social background or sexual orientation can be a success and make Guernsey great again. Our education system needs to be the best in the globe for a community of our size we need to think smarter on a bigger macro scale!

## BUILDING A HEALTHIER SOCIETY & HAPPIER FUTURE

We need to ensure the recently funded Social Security Primary Care Health and Well-being cognitive therapy work stays successful and delivers more timely results. This past term has seen some decisions on mental health capacity laws, mental health strategic development. Tribunals and the brand new state of the art Oberlands development, but we need to reduce our inefficiency and cost base highlighted by the HSSD BDO report. Thinking smarter involves a better contract with specialist providers , maybe working more with Jersey, England and France and the voluntary sectors. If carers and families are looked after and relationships work both personal and political we will be a happier and winning society like we were twenty years ago but only better.

10 nurturing the GREEN shoots of Economic Recovery and Growth, Perhaps the biggest and most crucial issue is the economy. Too much emphasis has been placed on negative ideas like the so called problems of an ageing population and the demographic time bomb.

Now is the time for us to focus on a real strategy for growth, attracting the right people to our shores to live work. And befriend into our community. Strengthening care too. We need small business investment, Angels investing in start ups, more land for business and digital green house evolution.



Transport links should be seen strongly as hubs. Economic enablers for growth requiring investment support to boost our industry economy and young people, there needs to be even greater partnership between schools and colleges to involve a business ethic and the challenge of technology tomorrow, here environmentalism. Green ideas and more true blue business common sense can work together on creative ideas and emerging technologies, we must bench mark UK local authorities. Or Even the Isle of Man or Jersey as we need to be better than that! We have a high cost base a demanding society and some dis-economies of scale. We only need to look across at the problems and depopulation of our little sisters Sark and Alderney to see a future we want to overcome.

### **CARING FOR THE CARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

We must ensure people can live well in extra care or independently in their own homes. I am against recent moves to charge current and future elderly residents room, board and hotel lodging fees, the recent rise and shortage in elderly mentally infirm and I'll vulnerable people beds concern me greatly. I would prefer people can retain the family home or similar capital sums untaxed but these alternatives will need extra social security.

### **TAXING TIMES**

The biggest issues of our era are maintaining sound independent external diplomatic global relations reforming the public sector and ensuring the island can fairly provide public services without harming the golden goose.

I support further tax reform in the interests of younger and older ordinary people and families. Draconian motoring costs is not the answer. Nor is having tax packages less competitive on lower wages than in Britain. Property taxation can be unfair on the elderly, disabled people and business growth.

Personally I suspect we will need to look at some further work on purchase or luxury sales taxes and a higher rate of taxation for some earners. I would however reduce the basic rate of income tax to perhaps 18 percent, have a Lower tax band of ten percent and much higher personal allowances especially focussed on average earners or even more needy people. A trade off might be further capping of Social Security rates to prevent this insurance scheme becoming an unaffordable uncompetitive quasi income tax without the allowances.

I would love to see from the members elected in 2016 a more positive approach to making our collective future work much better. The future of our bailiwick lies within us all.

We need to really support the artistic digital and creative future industries from the Digital Greenhouse and digital hub innovation sectors. They not only supplement excellently the corporate and financial legal sectors but offer new careers, fortunes, growth and pathways. They add to and become part of our evolving identity. But we need to be a green ribbon and blue ensign type of isle not a red tape backwater. We must evolve a Can Do attitude within an inclusive, diverse, co operative society, we must have an entrepreneurial, youthful and forward looking focus. Moreover our culture needs to change as we need to be less bureaucratic and regulated, with more of a problem solving mentality. We need to stop living in a mythical past and a better yesterday.

We as an Island community have to make the brand new political & governmental system and departmental structure work well and better than the past Assembly! This means choosing in May the right Mr or MS President of the political leadership Chairing Policy and Resources as the replacement Treasury Chancellor and Chief Minister combined, I would be willing to be one of the members of The new policy and Resources body having nineteen years of experience on a dozen committees and department boards including unblemished reputation for team working and loyalty. I have never thrown my toys out of the pram!

I also would like to be Chairman of the In house parliamentary body SACC to make the States and Deputies work harder and better and fulfil the job description the island really needs now. Less Process and more professionalism, and let us hope, work towards an end face, create a more engaging and representative Assembly with much greater input from women, the younger generation minorities and people with something new to say. This

cohesive group must work together. Communicate, engage and deliver action especially on social strategies improving extra care, mental health. Welfare reform, dementia and the disabled people stranger and Commission.

Finally I want Town revitalized and transformed into a working vibrant town with a powerful reborn old quarter, new improved lighting, further strengthening of bus services and new future initiatives to build the twenty first century properly now, we need nice live music, a sense of carnival fun, Town centre management and sea links liberated to deliver the people as a quay issue! Transport needs to deliver for the economic infrastructure so we can fall in love with the town all over again,

We can make Our isle a great place to live, We can make Guernsey great with a stronger more dynamic younger economy which in turn will fairly distribute necessary resources across the islands people in a needs related fair manner,

**Best wishes. JOHN GOLLOP**



### **“Gallop Gollop marathon walks the parish”**

St Peter Port North deputy candidate is heavily canvassing the Town again and can be seen daily walking around the St Peter Port NORTH area carrying his trusty radio, mobile phone iPad and manifesto bag. He will be a postman and will try to meet people across the lanes. Roads and streets, and in shops, cafés and hotels.

He really wants another chance to serve the people across the board especially as we have a reduced number of States members and a totally changes system of government which risks being as flawed or even worse than the last one!

“I bring Vision and Mission to Government” John Gollop says. Close friends and supporters frequently comment on how diligent John is in attending events and surgeries, listening to people of all ages and walking the parish. He has asked more Political questions than any other member over recent years and is always prepared to speak up and vote across the party plenum

“I have the best attendance record in some quarters. I work the most and always bring a different attitude, unique perspective and an analytical critical mindfulness to current issues”. I will listen to You and will put all sides of the question not just the official public relations VIEW!”



## Gollops Election Global Gazette

Martin Gavet of Liberate of the LGBT+ community recently suggested candidates should talk and communicate better with the more discerning elector, going beyond the usual spin and empty promises that soon become firewood! My response would be to focus on what is important to me and hopefully the people and 4004 voters of St Peter Port North the district where I live, work and play.

*"I stand for justice, diversity, equality, fairness and hope. I wouldn't have served two years as the Islands Disabled Peoples champion if I didn't. We need as much honesty in island politics as is reasonable within the constraints of confidentiality which is sometimes contradictory. I am Hot on openness and transparency having questioned officials at several public Scrutiny hearings over the years and regularly unlike most of my colleagues questions in the States. People generally trust me Politically."*

**I promise to actively listen more and really represent the electors who support me. I am rarely closed minded to perspectives. Indeed some of my more resolute colleagues accuse me too much of seeing the other side of the argument! But times change and so do hearts and minds. I don't change my mind, I just get better ideas!.**

People who know me see an open book from the library of life, I am a character. I am visible. Out there, transparent, being there for you too



People know I am prepared to come out and dance support for youth. Gay equality even in marriage and equalities legislation, we clearly need strengthening our bill of rights and a valid relevant social model for workable but fair disability legislation. A new Equalities Commission will help the vulnerable, but I would always prefer action, human resources and a stronger economy to endless strategies and pointless resolutions unimplemented. More professionalism in delivery and less process is my mission of renewal. I have also just joined the Friends of the Priaulx Library Association Committee situated in St. Peter Port North.

## My Strategic Vision

My Strategic Vision for Guernsey is all about the island overcoming constraints to succeed. Guernsey can be great again! Our trump card, the ace in the hand is our individuality and unique independence and history. We could and should for our size be the happiest, best educated and most motivated community on the Globe. We already produce first class lawyers. Professionals. Industries. Arts. Musicians and sports people. We can raise the bar even further if the States has the vision to grow the right seeds and not obstruct them with petty regulation and weeds!

We are not a poor island. We can afford some of the best health care and facilities too. We must make progress on further growth of bus use and find solutions to our uncertain Air-links with the outside world. We need proper investment in a more frequent and reliable car ferry sea service which is just as vital.

And it is time to stop talking and start doing . We must get the extra care, young people's. Autism, elderly and disability strategies really working 2020 Vision with 2016/17 action!

I am a team player and a bridge builder. I have never resigned from a States committee and have never been part of a defeated or resigning board. I keep the show on the road and am prepared to negotiate and compromise to play the long game too. I want to be part of an executive high level team that drives forward reform and transformation. I would be prepared to serve on Policy and Resources.

Sometimes one has to exercise humility. I wish I had spoken out earlier on the looming Condor downsizing crisis that was inevitable, I wish I had joined Environment sooner to shape a more streamlined transport strategy that would have brought the factions together more. I don't believe this States has focussed hard enough on reducing taxation for the new business ventures and the less well off. We haven't finished a working model for welfare or tax reform. Economic Development need more focus and my personal response to Individual problems needs to be more efficient! Ideally I need an office and a capable personal assistant! (On very limited resources)

The pioneering work I started with Legislation Select when Chairman a few years ago has matured into consolidation, a good web site resource and a new mandate within a fuller scrutiny system. The backlog has improved and we have given members more time to read and digest legislation, but innovative law making with speedy delivery will be even more essential, in the new system and competitive environment.

The main tasks of the new Assembly will be action on social, problems, economic development of new high paying sectors and continued reform and transformation of the civil service machine. We need to reward and promote the best, train the rest and sack the worst!

Communication and the right use of language is improving with an impressive new Government website and communications team focussed on success like a private sector new business . But we need focus on what are key messages and who are you communicating them to. We can use social and digital media better to build informality trust no useful two way relationships. I want to innovate, and feel the zeitgeist. I would innovate more technically if I understood it all better.

Really my key message is twofold, We want a society where everybody and everything works with opportunity for all, you are a possibility that can achieve more. Whether you are vulnerable or fortunate, or maybe a High Achiever I know I have some way I can freely and truly represent your interests and work towards a fairer, better States and a gradually transforming modernized system of Government. And, yes I would like to be the next Chairman of the in House committee. SACC, as making our parliament work better is the key to getting the States deliver more and be less dysfunctional!



## A Manifesto for Disabled Islanders!

I am one Deputy and candidate who will prioritise and push forward again the Disability Strategy focussed on inclusion too. I was proud to be The Disabled People's Champion when we last made substantial progress thru 2012 and 2013. I met weekly with able officer Emilie Yerby and fortnightly with a senior office team delivering the strategy. It passed that Christmas unanimously and then there was a regrettable slowdown as civil service personnel changes and Political shifts led to stasis and apathy for a while we must properly spend the first quarter of a million pound and vote to make it real?

We must overcome barriers ordinary people and families face with navigating the confusing system. Disabled people are like us all, you and me that want to shop, pay taxes an stake part in activities, they want their rights respected and be free of discriminating. We must remove impediments and barriers for the thousands of fellow islanders .

We must introduce disability discrimination legislation by 2017. Create the Equality and Rights Commission. Extend the UN convention and establish, true leadership and well as developing improved services, listening communication am respite and a carers strategy plus work on loneliness and further extension of much needed extra care accommodation, Autism and dementia need proper strategies as does mental health.

Finally our language and attitudes and cultured must evolve and change for the better.

## A Manifesto and mission to help youth and young people

Some of us were delighted to attend the Youth Forum for Guernsey and Alderney special speed hustings and see their work at the Careers fair at Beau Sejour too.

I entirely support the next upcoming generations aims for more Resources and passion to be applied equitably across services for young people with mental health and well-being . I sat on the MIND committee with Emily Litten and John Halker and was a delegate at the Mental Health strategy groups led by Deputies James and Bebb from HSSD. I sit as an active committee member in the mhSUGs mental health service users group and as a Social Security Board member progressed the Cognitive Primary Care health and all well being work stream which has reduced queues.

I also agree with young adults concerns all the need to establish, a clear strategy to address global war job which contributes to our collective efforts, closer to home we should do more to ensure equality of opportunity within our educational system and we need a diversified economy to give young people maximum incentives to base their working lives here, we need a strategy to ensure graduates and other high achievers want to return home and build a better future here with thinking globally and acting locally.

I would enhance and develop even better sporting facilities for Guernsey. Further development at Footes lane, a new tertiary Further education college, and the rebuild at La Mare De Carteret will raise the game. Making the 2021 Island Games hit the right targets should be our goal. The success of many of our sportsmen and women not to mention Rory the GFC lion roaring shows we punch above our weight!

We can assist the housing shortage by redeveloping Belgrave with states support providing a wide range of affordable flats apartments and houses to rent, buy and partially own.

The Environmental covenants for one fifth of affordable homes may assist if sensibly and pragmatically implemented over a transition period. I personally would allow the sell off of States houses to young people or hard working reliable tenants encourage diversity and replace those sold with as many if not more brand new energy efficient properties on brown field sites, now is the time for innovative thinking . The Housing problem is affecting our economic growth and demographic population age pyramid structure too must. Priorities, I would wish to serve on the new Employment and Social Security committee which encompasses housing this would benefit our fertility rates. And new estates should have play activities and wildlife parts to engage with young children too,

In order to stop the brain drain and electoral alienation we need to be a forward looking aspirational community who wants to make the island a good place for modern. Young people to live if not quite a paradise! This includes strengthens partnership with the third voluntary sector and publicly supporting worthwhile entertainment and social venues for young people as well as useful training, arts and cultural facilities, again in arts we out perform the competition person for person!

I will listen to You!

## A Manifesto for the Economy and Continuing Business Success

Guernsey must not be threatened by recent Panamanian and media events and distractions and become the political football of ambitious and mischievous English and European politicians. The current debate could be a significant threat to offshore centres such as ourselves if not managed properly by long serving experienced and diplomatic politicians of calibre. We must take advantage of this position in the spotlight to grasp the opportunity to show who clean and well regulated (some might say over regulated) we are. Our stance on anti money laundering and fiduciary qualifications for licensing is higher than many other larger jurisdictions, we need to amplify that positive message loudly and clearly to the wider Globe.

The recent embarrassment of being named in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister in unfavourable comparison with our principal competitors Jersey, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man was a careless oversight and shows we have been too slow in smelling the scent of the coffee and reacting. The tendency to resist or play the waiting game is no longer appropriate in a situation demanding faster legislation and productivity. I still consider it an error we have no equivalent of a proper Chief Minister and Foreign Affairs States minister in the new governmental system. That is is our principle external priority together with fast tracking and refining the speed at which we can draft produce pass and implement innovative and useful legislation. Territorial Tax ideas need to be studied discretely and carefully as rash talk may weaken our position.

Industry leaders from GIBA and other bodies remain very positive about our future and rightly so. We have diversity, a first class accountancy and legal sector and growth in the funds industry, fin tech and the digital economy are other arrows in the quiver. We can all criticise jollies but in reality Guernsey Finance does a magnificent and useful job in the essential task of attempting and sometimes apparently succeeding in raising awareness for what we have to offer and expanding business jobs and the economy especially in emerging markets like China and India.

We lost some ground with the QROPS pension sector and some private banking aspects but are still growing with data management and the cyber security sectors. The Digital Greenhouse, Locate Guernsey and the start up and Mums for business teams will hopefully create a States supported and facilitated enterprise society especially meaningful for young and not so young locals who want to make their fortunes. Innovation, diversity and a clear focus on the right leadership is vital to attract and retain the best. We need and I will support and work for a business environment that flourishes. I was sorry I narrowly missed the chance this term to serve on the Commerce and Employment Board and would wish to serve and support Economic Development. I am open minded about the prospect of gradually developing ever high levels of training and postgraduate qualifications with a view to attracting the right kind of university. A well trained and educated workforce with a more joined up Skills approach will both ensure our economic survival and minimise the still essential requirement to sometimes import knowledgeable and clever migrants!

Our joined up land use planning, tax, Social security and transport Policies amongst others must be cohesive and work together immune to over regulation on data security etc and the rule of unintended consequences. Supply side buy in requires political passion and ambitions to deliver and grasp future opportunities quickly and decisively perhaps at times with more of an executive approach to smooth decisive action. This also included pumping more political oversight and resources into speeding up the sometimes cumbersome law making process and developing the revision of laws project, Perhaps in time the Drafting of legislation could become a revenue earning sector of growth for us, we also need to ensure that under AIFMD we cannot just distribute funds to European Union investors but can obtain full free "pass porting" rights and stay on top of the game.

I wish I could be more of a business guru in a way to ensure the economic challenges aren't ignored by government. I have attended many funds and business budget workshop presentations of the BEPS issues which mean that international Base Erosion and Profit Sharing has to be faced and accommodated. The island needs to encourage real people, real activity, real brains and manpower to work here offshore to ensure we abide by the rules and attract the best people and business opportunities for our mutual benefit. We are not just about doing but about thinking the strategies too. We can walk the talk. And we need stability in political culture, legislation and tax Policy. Radical evolution not revolution. Especially as the Brexit referendum and international security issues reminds us to be a safe port in a storm.

For many hard working people in the business sector the number one priority for the next States will be improving and sustaining Transport links essential to Guernseys future. We must preserve the essential lifeline air and sea links. We also need more direct flights to both the UK and Europe and indeed better inter island links too. Through booking, better links between Aurigny and other airlines is essential as are competitive fares for both local social travellers and the business community, There is a widely reported sense that our transport links have declined in both quantity and quality and this must be reversed. Transport links are essential to both our infrastructure and way of life and must be seen as key economic enablers, requiring positive States intervention perhaps linked to private public partnerships.

We should also support the local construction sector with a more focused Economic model which ensure new built homes and bigger States projects proceed on time and on budget. Tourism, fisheries and Guernsey food produce have potential futures and we owe a debt of collective gratitude for Specsavers and other important companies based here. I believe that both the arts sectors and the wider creative sector is contributing enormously

to our economic development and will continue to do so. We are already leading the field with innovative design, jewellery, architecture some local books and other enterprises. We are the One to watch!

## A Manifesto for Family Values

Two cross generational issues dominate this current campaign Education and Care. We need to continue developing the supported families programme through the reformed social services transformation resource team and the children and young people's plan, we can through diligence and working with social capital maybe transform the lives and chances of the seventy most regularly troubled families on Isle with deliverable and measured positive outcomes. I entirely support State or parish community run crèche facilities to assist busy parents wanting to work and succeed and having voted for the PRE school universal coverage against some senior ministerial advice it saddens me there is now push back and negotiation troubles to sort out.

The welfare reforms bringing housing rent rebates and much needed necessary income support together are still not implemented and in my view having had two years experience on the working party need further refinement and effort. Maybe a Housing Benefit rather than revised supplementary would be more acceptable now we have a united committee from May and no longer two different unrelated sets of civil servants and silo mad politicians together with a times an interfering and reactionary treasury voice in our ear holding up the works, at least there are likely to be more winners than loser and many more poorer Islanders and hard working families will have assistance with GP medical bills, dentistry and heating, we desperately need grants for energy insulation and a greater range of competitive primary care choice of Doctors. I would not be against looking at the States directly employing some General Practitioners as a viable option.





Choice too dominated my personal thinking on the education dilemma. Personally I want better less emotive and stressful alternatives to the current inefficient eleven plus format. I support the four school model outlined by Education in principle but believe four separately managed schools managed by a Mulkerrin style inspirational leadership Head team would be better than the untried model of multi campus executive direction. At a time when the UK are taking schools away from directing local authorities and converting good schools into academies we are still wedded to a centrist model. There is a key role for a nurturing centre in terms of special needs, resources, music etc but they should be greater diversity too.

Personally I would retain the three independent college grants to allow some special place holders who would not just excel in narrow academic areas but perhaps in arts, design, sport as well as well as providing social and cultural diversity. We need to transform the life chances of the less fortunate too. It is a scandal that so few young people from deprived backgrounds win special places today,

I voted to conserve the Grammar School model, of excellence in some form. I would be interested in restructuring a working federation of all island catchment schools that would embrace specialist resourced excellent schools which might be Technology colleges, Academies or Free schools. I want the rigidity of catchment area politics to be reorganised, It is important to remember that Les Voies school is in the heart of our district and I was involved in a Scrutiny review of the Link a few years back. It was obvious we needed a focussed school helping those pupils who require the most support. This applies to all special needs and autism base too.

We have too many paradoxes at the moment, The Education Department for example allows adherents to a certain religion choice with regards to the selection of a primary school, a freedom not extended to the majority. This is just one area that requires reform, not through restriction but by extending choice and flexibility in an open fair twenty first century manner.

The Senior Citizens have a right I support to free bus fares, and free television licences. I would not wish to support draconian additional payments for drugs or pharmaceutical medicines and definitely support a reciprocal health agreement and some Social Security involvement in covering off island travel, an action point being looked at carefully at this moment. I support Age Concern, the Alzheimer cafe and the parties in the park the Town parish holds. I will push for the loneliness, dementia, care and carers strategy to be pursued.

The reality is people should have entitlement to free or subsidised care to live within their own homes independently and not just reward the escalating charges in the private nursing and residential sector. They will need tighter regulation of cost management and carer training I suspect. We provide a reverse disincentive to go into expensive institutional care by not providing. Independent living care support.

I also will campaign for families to keep the family home intact. I resisted voting for the flavour of the month which is separating so called hotel board cost from care costs as this is the thin end of the wedge to unaffordable stays for local home owning pensioners and families, We also need a belt and braces care strategy for the carers too who are too often forgotten about.

However I do wish my four years of hard work on social security to be valuable for your benefit too as we have achieved quite a lot from secondary pensions ideas to re branding Severe Disability allowance and Carers allowance and the vote recently

for a new Extra Care special needs benefit to come. Extra Care accommodation needs to be developed further too.

## A Manifesto for You

Looking both over the 2012 election manifestos I produced I see I kept many of my promises and policy pledges. It perhaps not all. I am still a member of Living Streets and support the Mental health self help organisations and attend parish douzaine meeting monthly as well as Chamber of Commerce YBG and Institute of Directors and funds events. You may know me too from the discipline of producing a free weekly column in the Globe by the midweek deadline!

I contributed to the provisional passing of Island wide elections and the return of a new form of Reciprocal Health Agreement. My pledge to take another look at the merits of a more focussed executive mode of Government with faster reading of legislation has manifested itself in the new slimmed down Policy and Resources and emerging transformation of streamlined merged departments which in my view will require further reform and reorganisation to come.

We achieved the appointment of the first woman departmental chief officer, at HSSD, and a senior woman officer running culture and leisure as well as the new CFE Principal.

Gender inequality pressure saw the ground breaking woman's commonwealth parliamentary conference and I attended and supported the new generation of empowered women candidates standing island wide this time. We developed slightly tougher freedom of information guidelines and extended the ten percent tax band to the low hanging fruit in the corporate sector.

We strove to get a more balanced budget but the states capital borrowing misfired with no guarantee of income streams and an extortionately high start up initiation commissioning cost baling out structured debt. We are de looping a one stop shop, we have produced in draft form an island plan. We did build some impressive extra care facilities and better social housing albeit at too slow and costly a rate. We did improve the minimum wage with more to go. And respite gradually improved together with the passing of the key Disability strategy.

Kerb side recycling did increase but waste is still incomplete as an implemented plan unfortunately. We have improved bus services with new routes. Earlier and later evening buses throughout the year, the first night bus for thirty years and a better network serving St Peter Port North around Coutanchez and Ramee for example as well as half hourly to the centre of Admiral Park. We do have an energy plan but still no action. But we also made progress on working with the third sector with dynamic Guernsey Community Foundation involvement, the Guernsey Employment Trust success story and Safer making strides amongst other groups.

I am disappointed we still have work to do of expanding second readings of legislation, resources for scrutinisers the lack of an auditor general to restrain wasteful expenditure and have yet to see lower tax rates or a thriving Guernsey film industry. No Potato pie film yet! There is still a lot of work to especially in making the States itself work more efficiently. Members such as myself could do an even more effective job with the right level of support.

I also delivered as the third Chairman the resolution of the tricky Parochial Ecclesiastical Rates Review dilemma with a modernising compromise which United our committee to seek continuing public support for the ancient church architecture against some senior ministerial interference! Job Done despite fears of a constitutional crisis with the Archbishop and Her Majesty!



## Problems and Dilemmas

Reading back both past manifestos and some of the earlier released across the island I spot some serious concerns. Whilst many are very sincere innovative and well written they mask the real choices and crisis we potentially find ourselves in. The next States Assembly will have to make radical and difficult choices and have a serious conversation with the public as well as with professional contracted service providers, lobbyists and civil servants at every level.

I read too often and frequently candidates who demand budgetary restraint and less government whilst happily supporting every current and new social or green policy under the sun, plus money to promote Guernsey business! Where does it come from? Isn't there contradictions here. Every candidate who wants to win votes promises less bureaucracy but the reality is some tough regulation is here to stay. We have to wake up and smell the coffee. It is not all cappuccino!

Unless we expand the economy thru rapid growth and unrealistic population growth we can only develop incrementally. If the public rejects the easy cash cow of taxing the hard pressed motorist, the mortgage stressed ratepayer and the sales value added tax option found everywhere else on the globe even American federal states then we will have to accept cuts for the most vulnerable higher charges for public goods or every mounting social security rate burdens. If we want a break on those potentially stifling employment taxes and we also want fairer personal allowances for the lower middle earners then we have to look seriously at an affordable menu of either sales taxes, environmental taxes or progressive rates of income tax perhaps banded from ten percent to twenty five percent.

How many times have you felt let down by candidates who promised you the moon and then fell down to earth. Don't let it happen again and trust wise experience laced with realism.

## Why Vote for Me?

- I have worked hard on two Busy and controversial Departments this term and three other committees including Charing a Rates reform body and serving as the Deputy Chairman of the Legislation Select Committee with previous experience as a past Chairman .
- I have delivered on many of the manifesto issues I campaigned on in 2012
- I bring balance, stability, the most extensive experience and continuity to politics
- I listen and have a different unique attitude to issues.
- I always professionally research and analyse the key agenda issues and am prepared to speak out, query and question Ministers on sometime unclear or evasive statements.
- I have been voted a superb communicator and have the most followers of my contemporaries on social media like Twitter and Facebook, as well as writing a popular column for many years
- I was the second youngest Town North Deputy in the current assembly and am the youngest Sitting Deputy with Political experience standing at 52, in my youthful prime!?
- I never indulge in instant resignation tactics or personality politics

- I always support Parish issues, events and meetings and believe I have a strong sense of community and have a deep love for St Peter Port my home for several decades
- I am prepared to mix radical ideas with both conservation ethics and a common sense pragmatic non ideological approach.
- I am a fighter, a survivor who has at least partially overcome some difficulties and disabilities in my life. Perhaps my greatest political public role so far was winning an island wide election mandate to serve two years as the Disabled People's Champion and be a crucial part of overseeing the unanimous approval of the island's first Disability and Inclusion Strategy. I still work with Arrun Wilkie, Mike Garrett and other members of the political champions useful support and policy shaping team
- As an Honours law graduate with a background too in international law and social science, I believe I have the capability and skills to handle future challenges, Twelve years of proof reading and revising legislation drafted by St James States chambers has also given me a sound background in legal affairs.
- Although I am prepared to be in a minority and am naturally an independent thinker I can work well with most teams and other members, I am pleased to second two new women candidates who emerged triumphant from the power of the voice campaign Lucia Faith Paglione and Lilita Kruze and am delighted to propose my older friend and colleague Douzenier (pictured) Rhoderick Matthews for the States again as his mature and professional experience will also help us to find growth with stability and we generally enjoy working together for You. The island and St. Peter Port.

## Political CV

- 19 years a Deputy for St Peter Port
- 15 years representing the Northern half of Town
- Past poll topper twice in a St Peter Port election
- Residence in Town north, a Townie for over 40 years
- I have a solid record of promoting and voting for progressive policies, creating new ideas and asking relevant pertinent questions.

## Committees Departments and Boards I have served on!

- Chairman and. Vice Chairman of the Legislation Select Committee
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of PERCC (the parochial and ecclesiastical rates review committee)
- Senior member of Scrutiny for eight years
- Past member of Housing and Culture and Leisure
- Current member of Environment and the Green Ambassador
- Also on public transport, disability and pedestrian sub groups
- Current member of Social Security and SWIBIC welfare benefits committee
- Past member of Youth Service Committee and St James council,
- States Strategic Plan Policy Council group
- Policy Council Personal Tax and Benefits Review body
- Member of SACC when called House. We introduced 16 plus voting an innovation copied by Jersey, the Manx Tynwald and Scotland!
- Also past member of other States committees including Overseas Aid, Arts, Broadcasting. Heritage and Traffic.

With a past company directorship of the Guernsey Employment Agency amongst other small business roles and leadership of three pressure groups active in the community you can see I combine much experience with much to offer at just 52 years of age still!