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Political Questions (2016)

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Keys?

To use the experience gained in my first year as MHK to good effect for the positive benefit of the Isle of Man's future.

If you were elected, what would your priorities be on a national level?

To grow the economy. Provide a clear vision of where the Island wants to be, support and motivate people to work together for the Island's better future.

If you were elected, what would your priorities be on a constituency level?

To offer support to constituents, assist those who need help navigate the Government system. Encourage Douglas MHK's to work together more.

How well do you think the present administration has handled the major challenges of the past five years?

While I appreciate time has been spent working on the present issues, the next administration will have to deliver much more. It will be imperative to work together and pull in the same direction.

What are the main political and social issues facing the Isle of Man in the next five years?

Sustainability, affordability and productivity.

How would you deal with the challenges

Clear vision, Strong leadership and

referred to in the previous answer?

Motivation.

How would you deal with the issue of public sector pension reform and the public sector pension deficit?

Include the Legacy and negotiate a sustainable solution, based on fact.

What has changed in the past five years for Isle of Man residents for the better? (Please give examples)

I believe an improved appreciation of our natural environment.

What has changed in the past five years for Isle of Man residents for the worse? (Please give examples)

Stealth taxation.

Is the Isle of Man too reliant on any one sector of its economy?

No, it does have a diverse economy but the economy is not large enough.

If you feel it is, how would you further diversify the Manx economy?

Really encourage entrepreneurship in the Isle of Man and the local multiplier effect.

Are you in favour of increased independence from the United Kingdom?

This may be a distraction at the moment; our urgent focus is to grow the local economy.

If you are, in which areas?

Are you in favour of parliamentary reform in the Isle of Man?

Yes, I would Implement the Lord Lisvane recommendations as soon as possible.

If you are, which aspects of the parliamentary system would you change?

Scrutiny and what MLC vote on.

Who should have the responsibility of electing the Chief Minister?

MHK's

Are you in favour of the nationalisation of air and/or sea services to and from the Isle of Man?

No

Are you in favour of renewable energy projects in Manx territorial waters?

Yes

Are you in favour of an increase in means testing for financial support and/or services provided by Government?

Yes

If you are, in which areas?

Look at all areas