

Political Questions – David Pownall (2011)

Why this candidate wishes to be a member of the House of Keys?

I think the present system is causing an enormous amount of collateral damage to the Island and it must stop. My MHK is the Chief minister Tony Brown , I think this post should alternate around the other Sheading's because it can take up the time of your local MHK which he or she could be spending on your Sheading, resulting in your local area not getting the best attention, I invite anyone to take a walk around Castletown and look at the Urban Decay, matched with the overspending of the Government, I think I could do better.

How well does the candidate think that the present?

For the last five years the Government have become weak in the respect that they seem to run behind the coat tails of the UK, and the UK do the same with America, we need to STOP this. We are the oldest continuous parliament on Earth, we are the site of the road racing capital of the world, you would be hard pressed to find a more decent society anywhere , I say to the UK/AMERICA you tread lightly when negotiating with the Isle of Man , I

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invite you to listen how many times the Chief Minister mentions the UK in his rhetoric, the sub prime market that caused the financial problem started in America. The American dream should stay in America, the Isle of Man doesn't have a dream because its AWAKE.

The Business community is being beaten back by high rents on new purpose built properties causing people to stop trading, this needs changing, Castletown needs a reason to attract people, maybe a cinema/theatre, a lock gate to improve hygiene/ smell at low tide, and the general appearance of the image of the harbour, this would also attract more craft resulting in more trade.

If the candidate were elected, what would their priorities be at a national level?

Promote more Independence, stop calling the UK when we lose focus, learn from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland issues that would benefit the Island. Attract entrepreneurs to the Island not to place money in the bank, but to start up new business, that was the original idea after all, of having low taxes!. I

What does the candidate view as the main political and social issues facing the Isle of Man in the next 5 years?

think at the moment the Isle of Man should also be more concerned with its own welfare rather than National issues, if the Island continues to lose the multi-millions it has been doing over the recent past, we may have to hand over our Island to the Crown if we run into administration issues.

How would the candidate deal with the challenges/issues over the next five years - as stated in the Main Social Issues question?

The Government pension fund has a black hole it needs urgent attention/Suspend pension offers to any new Government employee's, people are not putting money in, so why do they think they can take money out!. GUARD what the Island has, don't let anyone take anymore money or Independence be taken away from us, if we need a consultant or a worker FIND them on the Island not the UK, try harder on this matter, much harder.

The Island is very capable, and should look for ideas among workers who live on the Island, and I don't mean the people who consider the Island as a temporary contract to something else, people who have mortgages, car loans, members of clubs, people with commitment I am

What does the candidate feel has changed for the better, for Isle of Man residents, in the past five years - giving examples?

sure you all know what I mean. There needs to be more of an interest in the people's needs and welfare.

What does the candidate feel has changed for the worse for Isle of Man residents, in the past 5 years - give examples?

The only thing that I can think of is the people of the Island are now beginning to grasp the mess the Government are making by overspending, which is leading to severe hardship all around.

Does the candidate feel that the Isle of man has been too reliant upon the financial services industry?

The work to support the reciprocal health agreement by the Government was embarrassing, compared with the sterling work the public did to do to get it back. Losing millions of pounds on the film industry, the Airport , Richmond Hill, there is a long list, it is almost criminal, and highly embarrassing.

The Isle of Man reduced surtax in the 60's to attract new business, timber yards, aerospace companies, construction, it was never the intention to rely so heavily on making money on bank deposits, of course its very lucrative, but we don't all work in the local bank! Lets look to manufacturing or similar, there are two empty factories up at

If The candidate feels there is too much Financial Services reliance, how does the candidate feel that they would further diversify the Manx economy?

Ronaldsway industrial estate, and many more, lets get them back in business.

I think the Island might benefit by having a sea turbine at the Calf of Man to generate electricity, why don't we set up a factory to build them! of course Manx workers.

Attract a telecoms factory, contact Apple and ask them do they need a Factory to make components for the ipad, service Aircraft on the Island. Sell the Island around the world.

Is the candidate in favour of independence from the United Kingdom?

Yes, I think we could look to Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and learn, and think about improving our Independence, and one day soon I think we should strongly consider total Independence, If we carry on with poor Governance the Crown may take the right away from us.

Is the candidate in favour of -and if a standing member, did they vote for- a popularly elected Legislative Council?

Yes

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**standing member, did they vote for-
a popularly elected Chief Minister?**

**Is the candidate in favour of
nationalisation of air and or sea
services to and from the Isle of Man?**

Yes

**Is the candidate in favour of onshore
wind farms in the Isle of Man?**

No

**Is the candidate in favour of Means
testing for "universal" benefits and
social housing?**

Yes