

## Political Questions – Paul Heavey (2011)

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

I want to represent the concerns of the Manx people. To ensure we have a Government that can be trusted to preserve and safeguard the Manx economy and way of life. Above all, I want to make sure that people of the Isle of man get a fair deal and an equal opportunity in business, education and welfare.

**How well does the candidate think that the present?**

Very badly. Capital projects fail to deliver and run over budget. This is totally unacceptable and there can be no excuse for their incompetence. Iris, the MEA, the prison, the hospital the airport runway all examples. The reciprocal health agreement, only saved at the last minute after our Government appeared to give up. VAT sharing agreement badly negotiated. This list goes on and on.

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

I would ensure that no large residential development take place at least until proper sewage, roads, public transport and public services are in place. Development must be sustainable and sensitive to the surrounding communities. However, I do have ideas for business and

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reasonable residential development potential in Jurby.

First and foremost the economy. Without a stable economy we cannot expect to deliver on any promises and therefore this must be given the highest priority. Without the money to deliver better Education, Healthcare, Police and public services we run the risk of losing whatever we can salvage from more prosperous times and the opportunity to prosper in the future.

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

We must ensure strong opposition to Governments and other organisations from Britain, Europe and beyond who might seek to impose on our freedom and independence. We must have a strict and clear policy on immigration and defend our quality of life. Furthermore, in the next five years it is essential that we have a plan to fulfil our future energy needs through sustainable local resources.

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

Our Government must be stronger and less prepared to roll-over when put under pressure. We must enforce existing laws on immigration and the

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work permit system and seek to tighten these where appropriate. There must be plans in place to ensure that energy can be generated locally and that we are not held to ransom by the oil and gas supplying countries. We should prepare to investigate all possibilities.

have the impression that Education has benefited greatly from a real investment in good teachers and improved facilities. Meanwhile, feedback from people outside of the Isle of Man who do business here confirms they are impressed by our developing expertise within the financial services industry.

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

Our roads are an utter disgrace. We seem to have to wait longer to see a Doctor or a Dentist or receive medical treatment. The cost of travel has increased dramatically as has the cost of living. Our town centres have been allowed to become almost dilapidated. Car parking and congestion has gotten worse. Business and employment opportunities are less evident.

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

We run the risk of being too reliant on the financial services industry if we fail to act when other opportunities arise.

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

We need to invest in renewable energy, not only for on-island use but with the potential to sell and export power in the future. Technology development has great potential for the Island and I still believe that tourism may become more viable in the near future. All of this is entirely dependent on a firm commitment to invest in the future and I cannot emphasise enough our need to invest in energy.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

**Is the candidate in favour of**

Yes

**nationalisation of air and or sea services to and from the Isle of Man?**

**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