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Political Questions (2016)

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

I have decided to try and make a difference I am always shouting over the other side of the fence about things concerning the way the government run things, I now feel that politics in general NEEDS to change, so instead of shouting about it I want to get on and actually try and make a difference.

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

Streamline the way the government is ran actually make the government more transparent, and less political correctness say it as it is and get the jobs that need doing done.

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

I want to see the Marina project back on the table and a new referendum this will bring business and people into the town, peel is one success story for example..

B More policing

C Affordable house

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

Major challenges !! Absolutely fantastic for the wealthy on the island, while driving an even greater wedge between rich and poor. Just look at what happened in the UK (Brexit) this seems to be the norm.

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

They kept the tax cap in place which basically says its one rule for them and one for the rest of us..

And kept focusing on the financial sector instead of sharing the focus around in new areas such as engineering etc. that could bring jobs then improve the living standards to our work force.

How would you deal with the challenges referred to in the previous answer?

Political change needs to happen worldwide we have to start getting tough and saying as it is we cannot carry on taking the long way round things. Social issues is the divide between rich and poor has to be smaller.

Start getting some credibility in government and start at the top of the ladder, rather than the bottom in our stream lining of government. Example. Any civil servant working for the government who earns more than 100k a year that's nearly 2k a week (made redundant) and re apply for the position on different terms and conditions and salary, and if this is not acceptable (tough) find somebody that will, they did it with bus drivers.

Believe me there is a whole bunch of them.

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

A lot of these questions have the same answers so where going over this again

- 1 streamlining.
- 2 employing key business people who know exactly what it takes to run a business at the end of the day that's what we are, let's not keep guessing at it because we are fast running out of time, me personally I don't have all the answers just like most of the others and when you have 26 MHK's and 11 MLC's fighting amongst themselves nowt gets done.
- 3 encouraging young people to make sure they have private pension scheme.

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

A tough one really the towns regeneration project has been a good one towns are looking better.

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

Prospect of working longer, cost of living is through the roof, roads have got a whole lot worse and less money in our pockets.

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

Seems to rely too much on the financial sector.

If you feel it is, how would you further

Yes we need that but we need to focus

diversify the Manx economy?

on the manufacturing side the engineering side, plus we have some of the best walks, wildlife and atmosphere on the island, lets tap into it by a massive marketing campaign for example television and social media because that's where business is done nowadays I know that from my own business.

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

No

If you are, in which areas?

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

Yes transparency is the word I am looking for.

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

There's too many decisions made behind closed doors by high profile civil servants.

Who should have the responsibility of electing the Chief Minister?

The Manx people.

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

Sea route yes.

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?

Legal Aid, social benefits, job seekers the whole system lets reward those that work more to encourage people to want to work, seems to me the less you do the more reward you get at the moment.