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Taking Action - Getting Results



Dear Constituent

I will do my best to visit as many of you as possible before 22 September but, as some of you know, I had a right hip replacement last November and still need the left hip replacing at some time. This means that I am not as quick as I was in 2011 and, while I have a great team who helped deliver this letter, I know that I may not be able to knock on every door personally this time. If you would like to make sure that we have a face to face chat, please ring me on 853352 so that we can arrange a time that suits us both.

I am very grateful for the opportunity you gave me in 2011 to represent you for five years and have learned so much during that time. I have decided to stand for re-election as I would very much like to continue to represent you and to continue to improve in my role. I hope that you have been satisfied with what I have done to date and that you will give me the honour of representing you for another five years.

The greatest reward for an MHK is being able to help people and to make a difference and, as many of you know, I have always been very accessible and I have always tried to help with any problems. These have ranged from housing issues, high trees, parking, health issues and zebra crossings to problems surrounding the assessments carried out by Dependability Ltd.

Many people have contacted me with personal issues and I obviously can't go into those but I can say that it has been a real pleasure to help resolve all of the issues that have been brought to my attention.

Constituency work is very important and gratifying but the work of an MHK involves national issues as well. During my five years many of you have contacted me over numerous issues that affect the whole Island and these are just some that I have brought Motions to Tynwald and Keys:

- The Sefton
- The Media Development Fund
- Noble's Hospital
- Pinewood shares
- The Post Office
- Douglas horse trams
- Budget process
- Collective responsibility
- Care of elderly or vulnerable people
- Apprenticeships in the building industry
- End of life care
- Closure of Tynwald Members' pension scheme
- The Nunnery
- Health Regulator
- Disability Discrimination Act
- Tynwald Members to pay for their parking
- Fitness to work assessments
- Dependability

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DOUGLAS SOUTH

I have been a political member in Dept Environment Food and Agriculture and am currently a political member in the Dept of Infrastructure.
I also been a member of the committee looking into the Care and Upbringing of Children and was Chair of the Select Committee on Animal Welfare.
I am a member of the Hills Community Council and enjoy having positive input into the current local issues.

I have regularly supported Government when they are doing the right thing (which is about 90% of the time) but when they aren't acting in the best interests of the Island I have fought very hard against their proposals– for example over student tuition fees.

If re-elected the obvious challenges are going to be finding a resolution to the public sector pension legacy debt and ensuring government finances are robust. These are issues that will have to be tackled no matter what.

There is also no escaping from the implications, good and bad, of Brexit. This is a very fast moving issue and, as well as maintaining a high profile with the decision makers, will require to be monitored very closely.

Just some of the things that I would lead on or support in the next term if re-elected are:

- Introducing a regulator for our energy suppliers. High energy costs are preventing growth in the economy and causing hardship to many residents.
- Addressing the issues of the Liverpool landing stage and the User Agreement
- The introduction of an independent health regulator to ensure compliance with best practice. This is desperately needed and would go a long way to resolving the issues currently facing our health services.
- Promote healthier lifestyle choices through education and encouragement.
- Ensure that the basic state pension is sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living.
- Reduce and then eliminate fuel poverty.
- There are still far too many instances of domestic abuse and I would wish to see more focus on prevention and appropriate, early action. As well as it being the right thing to do, it saves money in various departments across government because it is recognised that for every £1 spent in this area it saves the public purse £8.
- Introduce a university grant system based on achievement and expand the financial assistance for further education and apprenticeships.
- Explore the development of a deep water berth to widen the options for freight, transport and to attract cruise liners.
- Appoint the already approved Tynwald Auditor and an independent Ombudsman.
- Set up a tax and welfare commission to review the present regimes and make recommendations.

There are many more and I shall go into the details in my manifesto.

I do hope that you feel that I have worked hard for you and for the Island as a whole and feel that I have more to offer.

I will soon be canvassing the residents of Douglas South and hope to speak with you then. If you want to make an appointment for a time and day that suits you, please do not hesitate to contact me.



If you would like to ask me a question,
or offer help with my campaign,
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