

with honesty and integrity, following the policies and procedures under which I am employed and at all times looking after the public purse. I believe all who have the privilege to work for the Isle of Man Government should have those core principles at heart and in my opinion that starts with MHK's leading by example.

Onchan

Onchan is a lovely place to live and although it has grown enormously since I first lived here it has managed to maintain a great community spirit. We need to keep it that way, and continue to support local businesses and a thriving community. We need to promote a healthy lifestyle for our young people, I believe if they are encouraged from an early age to get involved in sports and clubs, widening their social network and improving social skills, will lead to healthy adults and improved overall physical and mental wellbeing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my introductory letter, I am making my way around the constituency to meet as many people as possible. If you would like to contact me please do not hesitate to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Julie M Edge

A Note from Peter Karran

I have known Julie for the past 20 years, and have been aware that she has aspired to becoming an MHK for 10 of these. Now she has the opportunity to do so, making use of her wealth of knowledge and experience. I am certain that she has the backbone to stand up against the "club" which has effectively blown the biggest economic boom that the Manx nation has ever experienced. I believe she is well equipped to be a real asset to you, the electorate of Onchan, to the nation, and importantly to Tynwald.

Peter Karran, former MHK for Onchan.

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Dear Constituents

About Me

I am standing in the forthcoming general election for Onchan. I hope you will consider me to be one of your MHKs. I have lived in Onchan for 43 years and was born on the Island. I have been a public servant for the majority of my varied career. If elected, I will give up my current full-time role and I will be a national politician working on behalf of my constituents. I am proud to be a public servant, but too often we get the blame for bad governance. I want to stop watching from the sidelines, and have a real input.

I have gained valuable experience working in Education, Health, the MEA, Onchan Commissioners, and in Private Sector Banking.

My current role in Education involves Senior positions, Strategic Management, Leadership, Human Resources, Operations and Finance and I believe these skills will provide me with the experience and attributes to make a difference as an MHK. I feel my skill set would enable me to rapidly identify and rectify issues within the current system to support a less bureaucratic Government.

My experience in Education and Business has given me valuable analytical skills, courage, and insight into the lives of children, households, and the economy.

LibVan Party

People have asked me, why LibVan and my answer to that is this: the majority of constituents I have spoken to over the last few weeks state the same message “we don’t trust what our politicians are telling us” LibVan is a party that asks questions and scrutinises important issues that concern us all.

The heart of my campaign is to put the pride back into the Isle of Man and a crucial part of that is to gain the trust of the people of the Isle of Man. I believe that the starting point to achieve this, lies primarily with transparency and accountability from our elected

representatives and that should cascade down through the whole of Government.

By standing as a LibVan candidate, I am making it clear to you the electorate the policies and principles that I stand for and I will be accountable for that.

Too many times we have seen ‘Independent’ candidates elected, only to become part of the Establishment seemingly pushing forward Ministers’ policies - **the ‘Independent’ party it seems, has a lot to answer for.** If elected, I will not vote on anything that I have not had the full details of so that I can make an informed analytical decision assessing what the impact of that decision will have on the island. **As your MHK - I will vote with a conscience.**

Concerns

There are real issues of concern, especially in ensuring the taxpayer (you) sees your money being spent wisely. The House of Keys appears to have not been operating for us, the taxpayers, and for the future generations of our island. As a full time worker, mother and grandmother I worry for the future - and that is why I am prepared to give up my current post to become a full-time MHK.

Too often, I have despaired at the actions in the House of Keys, the perceived nodding through of ideas that defy common sense. I am sure that most of you must feel the same way – although all too often, what really is happening isn’t being put into the public domain.

I know the next five years are not going to be easy but I hope, and believe, that with the right people in the House of Keys we can still turn around the damage done over the last two administrations. It will mean difficult decisions have to be taken as Government gets to grips with the idea that “you can’t spend what you don’t earn” – and that we must get better value for money from Government spending.

I make difficult decisions on a daily basis in my current

role and I believe my skills and political experiences will help me to help you.

I wish to ensure that the vulnerable should not be a target for income or cuts and I believe serious issues need to be addressed – I am disappointed at our politicians penalising our elderly by charging for a TV licence.

Management of consultants, capital projects and procurement procedures are some of the many issues we need to look into. Increasing spending, and a total lack of value or responsibility for tax payers’ money, needs to change. I will try to ensure that “dipping” into Government reserves does not continue. Too often, as reported in the press a lack of financial controls over contracts and procurement has been an embarrassment, with a perceived “**open chequebook**” approach. Too many times we have heard ‘**Lessons have been learnt**’ only to find a short time later that they haven’t! If we can’t get the basics right, how on earth can we begin to promote the island as an international business centre - we will have to do better than that.

What the elected representatives need to remember is that public money is your money, and you have a right to know where it is being spent. Too often, Government has hidden behind “**commercial confidentiality**” to obscure bad decision-making by those in power, but this can no longer be an excuse.

This is why transparency and accountability are at the forefront of my campaign.

The next administration has to take proper financial control - with greater scrutiny.

The issue of staffing in government has to be addressed, I would look to reviewing the current system, and simplifying where possible to support better public services.

I have always been proud to work for the Isle of Man Government and as a public servant have always worked