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## CATHERINE TURNER – Bringing politics back to the people

I've been lucky enough to spend the last few weeks walking around Douglas East, introducing myself to residents and asking them about their concerns. (It's a big area, if you're one of the people I didn't get to see, you have my apologies! Please do contact me on telephone 07624 482077 if you'd like me to call round).

It's reminded me of how lucky I am to live in the Isle of Man, and especially Douglas, at its heart. But the people I've been speaking to have pointed out that whilst there's lots to celebrate about our way of life, there are also real challenges. Figures trumpeting our economic growth may be encouraging, but they're worthless if they mask rising inequality, struggling families and businesses, and diminished services to those who need them most.

And it's clear that many people don't believe the current administration serves them well in dealing with these issues; I've lost count of the number who've expressed a lack of trust in the existing Government, and who hanker after a fairer, more transparent approach - a Government which shows real accountability, and the humility to recognise that it's there to be of service to people, rather than the other way around. There's a general feeling that many MHKs are out of touch with those who put them there in the first place. This needs to change.

In Douglas East, I'm keen to support the work of Douglas Council in improving an environment in which so many people live and work; not just because it brings visitors and supports the local economy (although this is important) - but also because it shows respect for the people living there, people who deserve pleasant and safe surroundings. It's time to smarten-up some of the more unlovely and unloved parts of the town, for everyone's sake.

I'm a mother of twin girls, and committed to ensuring that they grow up in a thriving environment, with stable, sustainable and meaningful job opportunities. That means we need to get the Island's finances on a sound footing, and to diversify our economy so that we're less dependent on jobs which could disappear to another jurisdiction overnight. The world is changing rapidly - new economic models, technologies and ways of approaching issues. We need to catch up and catch on, and position ourselves at the forefront of developments. We've a perfect opportunity to be an exemplar of how to do things in a way that's sustainable, grows the economy, and builds community. In addition, we must review the Island's taxation and welfare strategy with an eye to fairness - and plug the sizeable black hole that's our Public Sector Pension Scheme.

I've benefited from 30 years' experience in the finance sector, including at board level, and more recently have worked on community and environmental projects aimed at improving the wellbeing of local people. I've experienced both the best and the worst of life here, and learnt a great deal from both. It makes me very proud to be part of Douglas, and just as proud to be a Liberal Vannin member. As a member of the Party, with two experienced MHKs supporting me and a wealth of experience behind me, I believe I have much to contribute to Douglas East and to the people of the Island as a whole. I'd really appreciate your vote, to enable me to do so..

Yours sincerely,  
Cat

## Bringing Politics back to the People

## SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN DOUGLAS & IOM

We mean business. We believe that the role of government is to create the right environment to allow businesses to grow and to promote, not just regulate, private enterprise. That means enhanced job opportunities.

A LibVan government will work with the private sector to sustain growth and maintain confidence and investment despite the restraint on government finances. The political, social and cultural foundation of the Isle of Man should be a vibrant and diverse economy where all are given an equal opportunity to prosper.

- Government strategy must meet the needs of the entire business community, both large enterprise and small
- Ensure that the Island's infrastructure serves the strategic goals of the Island
- Explore the development of a privately funded deep water linkspan to encourage competition in sea freight, transport and attract cruise liners
- Reintroduce incentives such as our previous policy on national insurance holidays
- Support and continue with the successful financial assistance schemes currently in place which have helped strengthen many local businesses
- Review the planning system to ensure it is agile and responsive
- A fully open and transparent tender process
- We, have much to offer by way of niche tourism but more can be done to promote and further develop our unique offerings
- We have high quality local produce but there is a need for greater awareness of our products both on the Island and wider afield

As an Island nation we have a perfect opportunity to become an example of clean, modern, sustainable practices, creating new jobs in emerging and traditional technologies.



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## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Island's health system must stay free of charge at the point of delivery and has to be capable of meeting the needs of all residents.

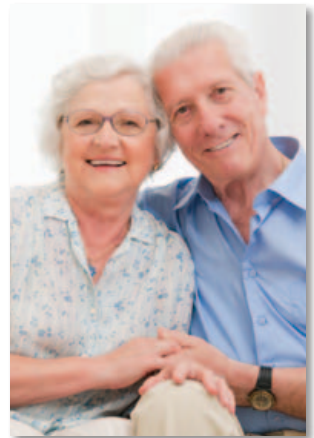
- Protect frontline staff and services
- Implement the recommendations of the West Midlands Quality Review reports
- Appoint an independent regulator to ensure compliance with best practice
- Publish a list of all consultants, their qualifications and waiting times
- Promote through education and encouragement healthier lifestyle choices for all Island residents
- Create a working party to develop an effective first class dental health care policy and system
- Define and eliminate fuel poverty



## OUR ELDERLY

Our elderly citizens should be respected and afforded all that they need to continue to enjoy a high quality of life.

- Assistance to remain in their own homes and maintain their independence
- Flexible personal care and support budget to enhance choice
- Investigate a broad based system of support for family members who care for dependent relatives
- Ensure that the basic pension is sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living
- Co-operate with the third sector to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities to prevent social isolation



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## REFORM AND IMPROVED GOVERNANCE

The case for improved governance in our institutions has never been stronger. Such changes in the policies, procedures and operation of government is at the cornerstone of LibVan's undertaking to the people of the Island.

- Create a publicly elected Legislative Council so that laws are made by people who are accountable to the public
- Ensure that the Chief Minister has a public mandate
- Require all candidates for the position of Chief Minister to publish a programme for government
- Restrict collective responsibility to Ministers and then only to the policies stated in the programme of government
- Abolish the supplement paid to Tynwald members for memberships of departments and statutory boards
- Appoint the already approved Tynwald Auditor and an independent Ombudsman
- Create a meaningful Freedom of Information Act
- Remove commercial confidentiality clauses within government contracts unless there is a proven need.

## TAXATION AND WELFARE

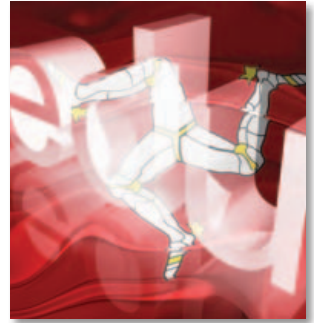
We live in a global market and we need a sustainable and competitive taxation strategy to attract individuals and companies to relocate to, and operate from, the Island while remaining fair to all.

- Set up a Tax and Welfare Commission to review the present regimes and make recommendations
- Taxation and welfare system must be thoroughly integrated
- Phase out the existing public sector pension scheme whilst protecting benefits accrued to date and identified key sector workers such as medical professionals
- A fair method of means testing benefits
- Support recent budget announcements to increase the personal allowance



## EDUCATION

Investing in our young people has to be the best investment that we can make and all should be provided with the opportunity and encouraged to meet their full potential.



- Introduce a university grant system based on achievement
- Expand financial assistance for further education and apprenticeships
- Protect frontline teaching
- Ensure all class sizes are appropriate
- Give more decision making powers to head teachers
- Invest in technology to broaden choice and improve efficiency in education provision
- Reintroduce tax relief on educational covenants

## OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We are fortunate that our beautiful Island has wonderful natural resources and whilst these need to be protected they should also be used as a means of economic and social growth.



- Energy generation should be clean, sustainable and any excess used for revenue generation.
- Require Manx Utilities to pay a reasonable amount for micro generated electricity.
- Negotiate with the United Kingdom for an Exclusive Economic Zone or similar, to be established at the median line line between our coast and those of our neighbours.
- Promote and enhance our already high standards of animal welfare
- Continue working towards making the Isle of Man the worlds first Biosphere nation

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## LAW AND ORDER

We are lucky to live on an island with such low crime but this is currently being undermined by the financial cut-backs. We need to recognise that law and order is not just vital to our quality of life but also has a major impact on the economy by encouraging businesses to relocate here.

The safeguarding of life and property has to be paramount but more effective ways of rehabilitation and dispute resolution are needed.

- Instigate an independent penal review
- A concerning number of those given a prison sentence have committed an alcohol related crime. Consideration needs to be given to weekend prison sentences which allow the offender to continue in employment whilst restricting their freedom
- A high percentage of those in prison have mental health issues and need help rather than incarceration
- Mediation should always be a first step in dispute resolution. A LibVan Government would assist in establishing an independent mediation centre
- Prioritise the reduction in domestic abuse and take steps to ensure that all victims are able to feel safe

## USE YOUR VOTE WISELY - VOTE FOR CHANGE VOTE CAT FOR DOUGLAS EAST

If you support these policies by voting for Cat you will know that they have at least two other MHKs in the House of Keys and Tynwald who support them as well. This is something that no independent politician can offer.

Cat is happy to discuss these policies in more detail so please come and meet the LibVan team.

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# LibVan Manifesto

## LIBVAN MHKS

### Kate Beecroft - Party Leader, MHK for Douglas South

As Leader of the Liberal Vannin Party, it really is my pleasure to ask you to vote for Catherine Turner. She is an exceptional candidate who I know will serve you well and will be an asset to the whole of the Isle of Man.

Cat will not be an MHK that you only see every five years. Like other LibVan MHKs, she will be at our central branch meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30 at Douglas Old Friends on Finch Road. These are open meetings, you do not need to be a party member and all are welcome.

Your vote is valuable so please use it wisely and vote for Cat.

Thank you.



### Peter Karran - Party Ard, MHK for Onchan

I am delighted that Cat has been selected to represent LibVan in the forthcoming election.

The political system needs to change, LibVan is committed to ensuring that change happens and Cat is eager to help us to achieve that.

Cat will be part of a team with different experiences and attributes and by using them all we are stronger together.

This will enable us to introduce the good systems of governance that are badly needed in order that all sections of society have "the freedom to flourish".



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