

VOTE

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GUERNSEY DEPUTY 2020



DOING MY BEST FOR GUERNSEY
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I was elected a Deputy for the West in 2016. My education, background and career prepared me to deliver against my manifesto. Over the last four years my skills in governance and forming policy have developed and I want to continue playing a leading role in the States as your Deputy.

Our island home offers an excellent quality of life, security, financial stability, beautiful scenery and close community, qualities which must be safeguarded.

I am very grateful for the support that my husband, 3 children and our families have given me. Many people know me as “Milly”. I was brought up in both Guernsey and Singapore and have a BA Hons Degree in Japanese. My professional background is in finance and I have set up and run small, successful local businesses.

A prosperous healthy Guernsey is built on

Excellent Education | Stable Economy | Affordable Housing | Fair Tax | Efficient Government

My long term goals for Guernsey are:

- Excellent education, giving our children the highest necessary skills.
- A resilient, diverse and stable economy, delivering full local employment.
- Affordable housing, accessible to local families and first time buyers.
- A tax system that is fair to lower and medium income earners.
- A Government which has tight controls on expenditure, places emphasis on community responsibility and accessible health facilities.
- A responsible approach to reducing pollutants and plastics, moving to clean energy to lower our carbon footprint.

I have shown myself to be a competent and capable representative for our island. I listen and lead on what our community believes to be important.

My notable actions are:

1. Led on successful “Pause & Review” of the 1 school on 2 sites model. I am grateful for the support of thousands of islanders.
2. Led on successful, cautious approach to borrowing of £500m during COVID lockdown.
3. Attempted to reduce current 6 month elective pregnancy termination period to 4 months.
4. Led on development of a Tree & Woodland Strategy.
5. Seconded Climate Action Plan Amendment in 2019, approved in the States in 2020.

Over the term I have led on:

6. Digital Strategy and Chair of Digital Guernsey, progressing skills and career pathways for our youngsters.
7. Skills Strategy, progressing 10 Action on skills and training opportunities.
8. Retail, supporting retailers to help set up newly formed Guernsey Retail Group.
9. Co-Chair of Finance Sector Forum.

My personal qualities:

- Active and effective contributor in government, preparing well for every debate, all Committee Meetings and being available for my electorate.
- Committed, confident, taking a balanced, collaborative approach to working with others.
- Enquiring mind, seeking to fully understand different opinions to inform my views.
- Accountability, openness, truthfulness are values I exercise in life and rôle as a Deputy.
- Pragmatism, foresight and my experience in Government are more relevant and more needed than ever, during the uncertain times we face ahead.

Key Issues: what are my views?

Guernsey's future success depends on getting our Education and our Economy right. Decisions made in this term will determine how well we navigate a rapidly changing work environment and uncertain global economy.

Leading on Education:

The "Pause & Review" work is due to be completed early 2021. Any decisions we make will lay the foundations for both short and longer term economic recovery and prosperity for Guernsey. Our community has spoken clearly in favour of a 3 school model.

I firmly believe that the optimum outcome for our island is a Guernsey-centred model, supported by the teachers and the community. Furthermore, the model we choose must make the most effective use of our existing education estate.

Education plays a significant role in the health of our economy. Successful education is delivered by the whole community; parents, teachers, business as well as the States.

I believe:

1. supporting parents who are in crisis, by the States working closer with family-centred charities, gives their children the best chance to succeed;
2. spending on continuous professional development, including for Special Education Needs, must increase for teaching and support staff to enable continued delivery of high quality education;
3. strengthened relationships with businesses to develop workplace skills and careers, helps young people become valuable contributors;
4. digital skills, diverse vocational training and academic study, will contribute to a successful workforce and a healthier more satisfied community.

Leading on the Economy:

Many varied businesses of all sizes contribute to our economy. Resilience and stability can be achieved by creating a good trading environment for business growth and job creation.

I believe in:

1. supporting business by encouraging digitisation and providing our own skilled workers;
2. removal of unnecessary Government bureaucracy, especially with regards to issuing Medicinal Cannabis licences;
3. providing a flexible approach to our transport needs, securing Heathrow by air and strengthening links to France by sea.
4. supporting the growth of the Green Finance sector to become a main industry;
5. making the most of opportunities presented by our substantial marine environment and tourism;
6. encouraging business to embrace sustainable, environmental practices;
7. enhancing digital connectivity through superfast internet, via fibre connections.
8. making retail more accessible to all islanders, after all #WeAllMatterEh!

Fiscal & Tax:

Balancing a competitive tax regime for business, fair for all sections of the community and one that provides enough revenue to fund public services is challenging.

I favour:

1. a reduction in the size of Government over the introduction of a Goods & Services Tax;
2. a cautious approach to debt, with transparent payback and spend plans being made available to the public before further borrowing is approved;
3. a small increase in the tax cap for higher earners, over any increase in tax for lower/ medium income earners.

Environment:

It is essential that States' decisions align with the creation of a healthier and better protected natural environment.

I support:

1. bold and innovative plans to move our community towards cleaner and more sustainable energy sources;
2. initiatives which actively reduce plastics and other pollutants in our island;
3. reviewing the entire traffic impact of new developments in the north of our island.

Health:

Healthcare is not just about treating disease or physical illness, but also about mental and social well-being.

I support:

1. public health education to encourage healthy lifestyles by promoting better understanding of nutrition, physical activity and mental health;
2. better access to help and care for those suffering from addiction;
3. our health care workers and the provision of a health care system that balances prevention and cure with individual responsibility for good health.

Social Security & Housing:

The prosperity of islanders is affected by their ability to afford to live on Guernsey

I support:

1. the self-employed and want to ensure that their contributions are fair, balancing the risk of being a business owner;
2. the Guernsey Housing Authority shared ownership scheme and accordingly the release of appropriate States owned land;
3. first time buyers entry to the housing market and review of TRP to provide protection for lower/ middle income earners seeking to purchase their first property.



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