

## A MANIFESTO TO MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH RECOVERY AND HUMAN CAPITAL

I will support government financing not just an improving bus service, but innovate with targeted subsidies economically enabling air and sea links to Alderney, Jersey, England and France to ensure regular and affordable for both visitors and locals of moderate means. We need investment in infrastructure and tourism to ensure sustainability of transport links. Investment in human capital, vocational and lifelong skills with education is essential to secure a bright future.

Part of our future growth means getting on with the obvious people's consensus for a ground breaking all ability three school green ribbon model with the retention of the Grammar site especially for the outstanding sixth form Centre and potential tertiary complementary integration with the Guernsey Institute which requires priority funding and redevelopment preferably with restaurant training facilities too maybe attracting students from abroad to revitalize salon culinary hospitality. We should be the Can Do society that builds back better!

## A MANDATE TO REFORM GOVERNMENT

I believe long term Guernsey would have a clearer more accountable and open system with a return of Ministerial positions and collective policy co ordination in a more Cabinet executive type structure. The role of a Deputy needs re-evaluation as the current position lacks clear duties, research and secretarial support, proper corporate training outside alleged jollies and the payment package is more attractive to retired people and those with other jobs or business roles rather than to a younger and more inclusive gender balanced population. We have a democratic deficit.

States members need to be accountable and lead change from the front, challenging and supervising some operational issues when structural blocks, poor decision making or difficult personalities working from silos need efficient solutions and well balanced change management. I have pushed frequently for mid-term presidential committee re-elections to ensure we promote the right people and ensure teams that can work together.

We need greater political executive governance, democratic political over site, and control to drive forward projects, programmes, perhaps unnecessarily expensive Information Technology packages, partnership executive decisions, major infrastructure plans and spends, and reform of procurement. The States owned trading boards with their annual revenues above £207 million and employing 1300 workers may need greater autonomy and inward investment but still needs democratic visionary leadership and a sense of direction for the community.

Procurement policy procedures and bureaucracy need urgent re-engineering and reform with the outcome of enabling quicker spend on much delayed capital investment and infrastructural revive and thrive projects which particularly bring instant economic community benefits. We must rebuild trust in government and place millions of pound into local families pockets through value added skills and employment opportunities

All of us elected or re-elected need to rebuild unity, trust, a sense of purpose working together. And above all move in an inclusive but right direction being effective and proactive in doing ACTION and delivering on our promise and true positive potential!

We must all have the political will to win and not be distracted by infighting or pointless flip flopping, only changing direction when new situations, facts and evidence emerges so we do things differently and rebuild better!

**I hope you will give me one of your key and important 38 VOTES**

**Everybody for the first time has the chance to elect and select the whole Assembly... what a challenge but a great opportunity too.**

Yours sincerely

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*Be bold but be wise and Vote for  
John Gollop  
for Continuity and Hope  
for the future!*



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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I have led or sat as a board member on at least fifteen States Authorities or committees and am always well briefed with at times the best attendance record. My 16 years involved with legislation have repaid my mother's faith in financing my university honours law degree! I was proud to be voted island wide as Guernseys Second disability champion, and have informally finished second in press and submarine island wide polls but this is the first time for me officially! I ask more testing questions than any other deputy in recent years.

- I bring unique Experience, Outlook, Knowledge and Continuity
- I offer a balanced common sense non ideological perspective
- I listen to the experts, and to the people and make my mind up
- I am not afraid to change my mind and move on when circumstances evolve
- I will work hard and constructively with anyone from any party, group of point of view

## POLITICAL BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE CV

First stood as a candidate 1988, scored 827 votes.  
Elected for St. Peter Port, 1997, topping Town poll 2000 with over 2000 votes

Member for St Peter Port South 2004 - 8

Member for Town north since 2008 until the present day

Member States Heritage Committee, scheduled buildings subcommittee 1997 - 2004

Member States Traffic Committee 1997 - 1999 and 2000 - 2004

Member States Arts, and Broadcasting committees 1997 - 2004

Member Overseas Aid Committee a precursor to the Overseas Aid & Development Commission 2002 - 2004

Member States Housing board 2004 - 2008

Member Scrutiny Committee 2004 - 2012

Member of Legislation Select Committee or panel for sixteen and half years

Vice President Legislation select committee 2012 - 2016

President States Legislation Select Committee 2008 - 2012 in the austerity post zero ten era

Member Culture and Leisure board 2008 - 2012 including being a delegate on St James council and youth group pre commission

Member and President of PERCC Parochial Ecclesiastical rates Review committee set up by the policy council 2005 - 2016

Member Social Security Department board 2012 - 2016

Member SWIBIC board Looking at income support rebates 2014 - 2016 social welfare investigation board

Member Environment Committee 2014 - 2016

Member Education Sport and Culture 2017 - 2018

President Living Streets and member of the Vulnerable Road User Group

Member of Employment and Social Security Board 2016 to present day

States Transport Licensing Authority to present day

Past founder President of the DPA Development and Planning Authority, that launched the island development plan for three years from 2016 - 2019

## OTHER POSITIONS HELD

I have been a former president of the Guernsey Association, and the Self Employed Association a secretary at the Guernsey Consumer Group and have been a long standing committee member of the Worker's Educational Association Committee for many years as well as formerly for nine years the Mind Committee and the mental health service users group. I regularly attend LoD events and have been a member. I am an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Young Business Group (I dressed up as a Christmas pudding last year) and La Societies Guernesias. I am a member of The Friends of the Priaulx Library Committee. I'm a Trinity Church member and support the addictions and ex offenders charity group.

I am also a conference delegate at the England and Wales Green Party conferences and seminars having paid up as a life member many years back. I was also briefly a member of the Conservative party!

In past lives I have an honours degree in law from Kent Canterbury University, various certificates in trust and company administration, supervisory management, and psychotherapy and part owned and was a Director of a recruitment employment agency another in executive directorial role in insurance, a property management entity. I have been in the past a landlord as well as for over ten years writing a popular weekly current affairs column in the Guernsey Globe and fulfilling other media roles too. I am a past president and committee member of Living Streets and am a member of local political think tank groups, The Charter 18 Group, The 2020 Group and The Islanders Association.

### 1. WHAT DID THE LAST STATES GET RIGHT?

Internationally handling expertly Brexit plus depositors protection issues, Corona-virus management, taking first steps on anti discrimination legislation and secondary pensions, improving bus passenger numbers.

### 2. WHAT DID THEY, THE STATES GET WRONG?

Justice and drugs review unnecessarily delayed and zero progress on Education reorganization. Bureaucratic regulation, postponed capital expenditure, less effective public accounts scrutiny auditing. We also failed to make progress on aspirational housing, supporting first time buyers and developing sites.

### 3. WHICH OF THE 4 SHORT-LISTED SECONDARY EDUCATION MODELS DO YOU FAVOUR, AND WHY?

The preferable solution would liberate flexibility & opportunity so I prefer two 11 to 16 schools + one 11 to 18 on the Grammar site conserving our excellent sixth form academy.

### 4. ARE POLITICAL PARTIES GOOD FOR GUERNSEY?

Yes, eventually but current options aren't based on democratic mass membership ideas. We need more diversity, leadership and accountability but no whip bullying!

### 5. HOW SHOULD WE REBUILD THE ECONOMY IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19?

Revitalize tourism through affordable transport air#ferry connections and routes, with grants to innovative Start Up businesses, targeted tax reductions and infrastructure project management.

### 6. ARE MORE TAXES, INCLUDING A SALES TAX AN INEVITABLE PART OF THAT RECOVERY?

NO! The opposite policy is a compelling solution with reduced taxes for retail, lower earners, and business enterprises. Consumption taxes should only be considered with other tax reductions.

### 7. WHICH STATES PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE PRIORITIZED?

Education with reconsidering la Mare de Carteret school site, Town Seafront enhancement and harbour pier terminal redevelopment, and electric vehicles for public services. #buildbackbetter

### 8. COVID-19 : SHOULD THE ISLANDS BORDERS BE OPENED MORE QUICKLY?

NO! Staying safe together protecting vulnerable islanders with internal economic freedom is the best way forward for at least 6 months although Safer family business travel research Options must continue.

### 9. WHAT MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE?

We need offsets, mindset attitude shifts combined with solar panels, energy insulation-incentives grants, restructuring electricity tariffs, subsidizing electric vehicles and reducing commercial waste.

### 10. ARE WE BUILDING HOUSES IN THE RIGHT PLACES?

No! Time for radical change with focused brownfield redevelopment like the BRIDGE preferable to homes or industrial warehouses down rural lanes taking good food producing land away.

And, Finally,

### 11. SHOULD CANNABIS (MARIJUANA) BE LEGALISED?

Yes with reservations as we need a mature conversation about unfairly harsh sentences, weed Adult personal use decriminalization and how best to regulate medicinal and relaxant healthy drug use.

## MANIFESTO

### MANAGING CHANGE WITH LEADERSHIP

I need a strong mandate from You to get decisions moving and ask the questions other politicians don't want to answer. I have asked more oral questions than any other member

I am still one of the younger candidates but have focused experience with innovative ideas to offer. I don't go for too many costly consultants, vacuous visions and meaningless mission statements! What we need is practical common sense combined with knowledgeable gut instinct backed by evidence of what will work on Guernsey.

The corona-virus crisis has produced effective leadership and good outcomes. But I want a huge personal mandate to make a positive difference for you. I am willing to lead Scrutiny, legislation, States Assembly reform or sit on economic development, or policy and resources having acquired unique perspectives and continuity of experience.

### MY PLEDGE TO MODERNISE SOCIETY

We need to keep our international obligations and promises by prioritising resources to sign up globally treaties to outlaw discrimination against women, and disabled people. I promise to push strongly for the positive heritage of Deputy Michelle Le Clerc my proposer to continue. Modern attractive compassionate social policy is part of our international offer and autonomous identity. We need a new reciprocal health agreement and more access to special care in areas like neurology, urology and palliative care.

### MY MANDATE TO STRENGTHEN CARE OPTIONS

I believe that any attempt to oblige people to sell their homes to finance excessive care costs is unacceptable to many. I support an equity release scheme as a tool to assist with current private top up fees but my policy is to negotiate more States Rate care beds and uprate pensions beyond inflation. If necessary if investments don't perform brilliantly I would support increasing the Long Teen Care and Health Service fund contribution rates. We need more sponsored sheltered housing with hopefully another extra care complex out west. I will now oppose any reduction in the States promise to prevent people selling their homes. I strongly support strengthening the motivation of allowing and encouraging people to save more money before they become ineligible to receiving vital Personal benefits for need and support and medical costs. Family friendly policies are needed including child care allowances and fertility treatment opportunities.

### A MANDATE TO MANAGE MONEY BETTER

We need our thinking hats on here and there is nothing cuddly about my rigorous approach to fiscal policies. We need to help those of us who struggle with costly household expenditure with more targeted support and less taxation. Many islanders are worse off as lower middle earners than elsewhere. We don't do enough to help people Just About Managing. I support raising personal allowances significantly, introducing lower fifteen percent rates of tax and higher benefits limitations and in work incentives such as earnings disregards and an examination of universal personal income ideas. Modern legislation reforming personal debts and bankruptcy needs to be updated and introduced.

This can be paid for by restraining higher paid public sector posts, more emphasis on consumption taxes and economic growth by allowing a relaxation of population controls for skilled younger professionals in many industries. I support a reinvigorated public accounts committee with an Auditor General to cut costs. And as a long shot a properly regulated hemp recreational safe cannabis industry might bring back better horticulture without the weeds!

### MY IDEAS ON TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

I believe in modern Town Centre Management with professional democratic citizen forum consultation with clear enhancement decisions made about further redevelopment of the North Beach area and rebuilding St Peter Port harbour better. As a UK green party member and delegate I obviously support strengthening biodiversity but balanced with economic considerations. I certainly would ban noisy motorcycles and consider restricting their age from fourteen to sixteen!

We need clarity on planning policy and practice. Experience tells me we have to choose between a politically directed model and an entire professional process structure. The current mish-mash of quarterly open planning meetings, delayed decisions and tribunals trumping political decisions needs a review to change. I will promote more exemptions and loans and grants for energy conservation and historic buildings. We need more green lungs and island wildlife habitats and green field conservation protection. I support Housing Action Policies which revitalize areas such as Leales Yard and La Fontaine for first time home buyers, and selling off energy inefficient housing stock whilst commissioning and building state of the art access friendly replacement stock.