

A Strong Voice for Castel.
A Strong Vision for Guernsey.

VOTE FOR



CHRISTOPHER GREEN

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My name is Chris Green. I am a Guernsey-man through and through, having been born in the Island in 1977. Aged 38, I am still one of the younger candidates in this election. My wife Liz and I are a newly married couple living at La Chaumiere, Rue du Gele, Castel. I am an Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey and I bring a range of useful skills to the work of local government.

It has been an absolute privilege for me to represent the people of the Castel in the States over the last four years. I believe that I have been an articulate, measured and reasonable voice for islanders in that time. I have made a substantial contribution to local politics so far and I feel I have much more to offer in the next four years.

I am a person who stands up for what I believe in; a genuine, sincere man who is in politics for the right reasons. A conviction politician, not a career politician.

I have a strong, clear vision for the future of Guernsey: an island where we give opportunity to everybody in our community to fulfil their potential; where we expect people to take personal responsibility for their own lives; where we aim to build a strong, dynamic and competitive economy, underpinned by sound public finances; and where we seek to develop and sustain excellent public services (especially in health and education) that are both efficient and effective.

Guernsey can and should continue to be an island where a caring society is combined with an aspirational and entrepreneurial culture. In order to do this, the next States must help maintain a strong economy and adopt a credible fiscal strategy. The future will not, however, be built by adopting policies of high taxation on working people or uncontrolled public spending.

Guernsey urgently needs effective political leadership and real focus in order to meet the serious economic and social challenges that we face. The opportunity to serve my parish and my island for another four years is a challenge that I would relish.

WHAT HAVE I DONE SINCE 2012?

- Helped many individual Castel parishioners with their queries on numerous issues including anti-social behaviour, social housing, traffic, pollution, social security issues and a large TV mast being re-positioned, plus many more.
- Asked significant parliamentary questions both in the States and in writing to Departments on issues such as Access to Public Information, anti-social behaviour, flexible working and on the slow progress made on implementing statutory maternity leave.
- Brought a number of successful amendments in the States, including:
 - Directing the States Assembly and Constitution Committee to look in detail at electoral reform and Island-wide voting in the next term.
 - Directing Treasury and Resources to consider withdrawing personal income tax allowances for the very highest earners.
 - Directing Policy Council to consider an independent appeal mechanism for the Access to Public Information regime.
 - Ensuring that statutory maternity pay is implemented and financed from 2017.
- Spoken in many States debates, contributed to policy on various committees and have spoken in the media many times on local issues of public concern.
- Served on Education and achieved savings of around £6.5 million per year in recurring savings to general revenue and successfully steered plans for fifteen hours of quality pre-school education through the States. Also served on the School Committees for both Castel Primary and La Mare de Carteret High Schools.
- Served on Social Security for two years and helped to save significant sums of public money in efficiency savings both to general revenue and to the statutory insurance funds.
- Acted as the political representative for Ageing Well in the Bailiwick and scrutinised the formation of the Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy.
- Served on Scrutiny and helped to deliver a robust analysis of the new Children Law.

POLICY

I wish to continue to fight for the issues that you care about, including:

THE ECONOMY

- Adopting a clear long term plan to ensure we have a strong, competitive and dynamic free market economy, including support for the finance industry and for small businesses.
- Encouraging the States to support good infrastructure, better quality transport links and training and skills development.
- Encouraging diversification into new economic areas, including the digital sector, renewable energy and higher education.

SOUND PUBLIC FINANCES

- Balancing the budget or achieving a surplus.
- Prioritising spending effectively and adopting a credible fiscal strategy.
- Building on the annual £19.65 million in genuine efficiency savings achieved under the Financial Transformation Programme.

RESTRICTING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

- Ensuring the States is neither too large nor too small for our island.
- Selling off excess States' land to free up land for housing.
- Extending "E" Government and digital services.
- Seeking greater control of States' pay costs.

ENHANCING SOCIAL POLICY

- Implementing the Disability Strategy effectively.
- Building on the Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy, especially as regards respite care.

EDUCATION

- Focusing on excellent leadership, quality teaching and learning and high aspirations to drive up standards.
- Ensuring that school-leavers have the necessary skills to hit the ground running in the work place.
- Giving greater autonomy to individual schools.
- Supporting the teaching of Guernsey history in the curriculum.

HEALTHCARE

- Better prioritisation of health spending within a new model of healthcare.
- Putting the patient first and at the very centre of the health service.
- Supporting the use of a statutory fund to finance healthcare costs for Islanders travelling to the UK.

HOUSING

- Considering further intervention to better meet housing needs.
- Releasing States' land to increase supply of housing if necessary.

MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT

- Developing a formal mechanism for setting priorities for general revenue spending.
- Enhancing the Access to Public Information system.
- Supporting a form of Island-wide voting.

POPULATION

- Steering a course that avoids over-population but maintains the economy, public services and the quality of life of Islanders.

TRAFFIC

- Saying "No" to paid parking in the absence of community support.
- Favouring a realistic approach to transport policy, which should centre on a more reliable bus service.

PERSONAL.

I was educated locally before graduating from the University of Exeter with a 2:1 degree in Law in 1999. I was called to The Bar at the Inner Temple in 2000 and was admitted as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey in 2002. I have practised Law in the Bailiwick for the last fourteen years and have substantial legal experience, particularly in Criminal Litigation.

I married my wife Liz – who is a music teacher – in August of 2015.

Many islanders will have known my late father, Brian Green, who was a very well-known and well-respected photographer for the Guernsey Press for many years.

TRUST IN GOVERNMENT.

I recognise that the States may have lost the trust of some Islanders in the last few years. The next Assembly will have to work hard to re-build the important bond of trust between Government and the People. Part of that re-building will require a capacity for Deputies to mean what they say and to say what they mean. The States must also learn to communicate better with islanders by avoiding jargon. I believe that I have the competence and the clarity to communicate effectively with islanders.

PLEASE SUPPORT ME ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016

PLEASE VOTE

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