



Please vote for
**Mark
Dorey**
Experienced
Hard-working,
Caring for Guernsey

Dear Elector,

I have always lived in the Castel parish and I do really care for our parish and the island and I would like to continue to represent you to improve our parish and island. I have a depth and breadth of knowledge gained from 14 years of representing the parish in the States. I was first elected to a parochial office in 1989 and this length of service shows my commitment to the parish.

I have solid Guernsey values and common sense together with a logical approach and a willingness to extensively research a subject. I am dedicated, approachable and always willing to listen to your views.

I have posted this manifesto to ensure that you have a copy in case you intend to vote early using a postal vote. However, I intend to knock on as many doors as possible and look forward to meeting you. If I miss you and you have any questions, please contact me.

On the next pages are some of my details and a summary of my views on some major issues. If you would like to discuss any of them or any other issue that there was not space to cover then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would welcome the opportunity to represent my parish and island in the States as a Deputy for a further 4 years and I hope that after reading my views you will vote for me.

Sincerely Mark Dorey

DOREY Mark Hirzel



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I am fully committed to my States work and in the last 4 years I have a 100% record for attendance at States meetings and for all of the 372 recorded votes.

I often speak in debates and make a significant contribution from the knowledge I have gained from holding various different posts, including being a minister for nearly 6 years, and serving on many committees which are detailed below.

This experience and my logical approach enables me to carefully weigh up the facts before voting or speaking in the States or at a department or committee meeting.

I have a reputation of being always very well prepared for a States meeting and one member recently said in the debate on Sunday Trading "Deputy Dorey, I would like to congratulate him, as always, on the depth of the research he puts in to every speech, it is truly impressive" [source Hansard].

I have tried to reply to most emails from Castel residents but sometimes, when I have received literally hundreds of emails on contentious issues just before a debate, I have had to concentrate on preparing for the debate and apologise if you have not received a reply.

I am always willing to help parishioners and attend almost all parish surgeries on the Saturday before a States meeting. I have helped parishioners with many issues over the years including: major developments next to their houses; unfair bills from States departments; drainage, pollution and noise problems.

I would like to continue to use my knowledge and experience to help parishioners and improve the government of our Island.



I helped parishioners when plans were submitted to build a new mast closer to their homes.

Political Experience

During the last 4 years (2012-16) as Deputy:

- States Review Committee
- Treasury & Resources Department in 2012
- Vice chairman of States Assembly and Constitution Committee in 2012
- Health & Social Services Minister 2013-14
- Social Policy Group - a sub group of the Policy Council 2013-14
- Public Services Department from December 2014

During the 4 years (2008-12) as Deputy:

- Social Security Minister
- Strategic Land Planning Group
- Population Policy Group & Social Policy Group - sub groups of the Policy Council

During the 4 years (2004-8) as Deputy:

- Deputy Housing Minister
- Treasury & Resources Department
- Social Security Department from March 2007

As Douzaine Representative in the States for 2 years from 2002-4:

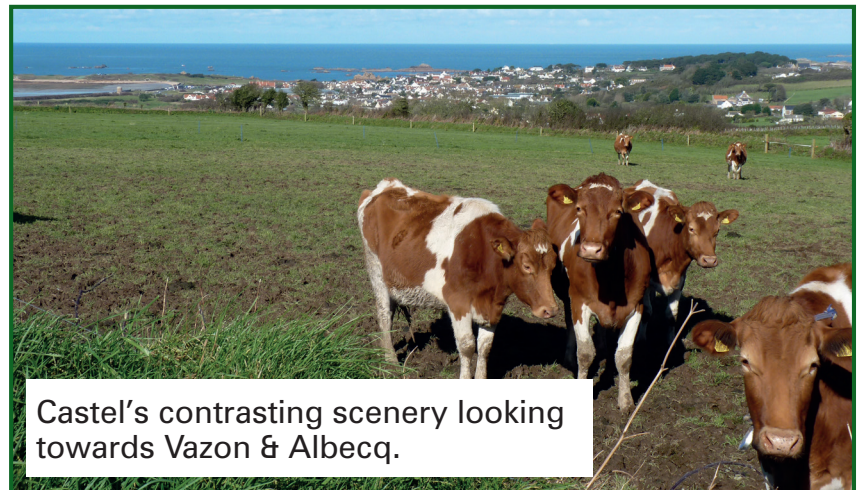
- Housing Authority
- Board of Industry

Population

- Over-population, and the resulting development and congestion, is the greatest threat to our quality of life. Guernsey is the 13th most densely populated jurisdiction in the world. That is why, in 2007, I seconded the amendment to keep the population at approximately the current level.
- I was extremely disappointed when the States recently replaced this policy with no numeric limit on population. As a compromise, I proposed an amendment to maintain the working age population at the current size, which the States did not support.
- As a member of the Population Policy Group until 2012, I am pleased that the States has supported the new population management system to replace the Housing Control Laws. I am concerned that recent changes to the policies will make them less effective in managing our population. I will be closely watching to see how effective the new system will be.

Housing

- The Guernsey Housing Association must continue to be supported to build good quality social housing.
- I support partial ownership (where someone can own 40 – 80% of a house) to make houses more affordable and to enable first time buyers to take the first steps on the property ladder. These houses must be kept affordable for future buyers.
- I welcome the review of the Housing Market and await the outcome.
- Any new policies must not result in increased prices. I would support a States bank to help first time buyers with the deposit so they can get a mortgage from a commercial bank, similar to the Homes for Workers Loan Fund that helped many families in the past.



Family First

- I have always believed in the importance of families as the basic foundation of society. Families should always be the forefront of any States decisions.
- I am concerned about the future of Family Allowance, as the proposal in the review of tax and benefits was to phase it out. I was pleased the States supported my amendment, that if Family Allowance is to be reduced, to investigate using the money for medical care for children as well as breakfast clubs, after school homework clubs, school meals and holiday clubs.

Reciprocal Health Agreement

- I supported the amendment to investigate a replacement for the previous agreement, which would include repatriation, so we can all travel to the UK with the benefit of a group travel insurance policy funded from our social insurance payments.

Health

- When I became Health Minister in December 2012 my board immediately reversed the decision to cancel operations and reopened the closed wards as soon as possible.
- We brought the treatment of the eye condition, age related macular degeneration, on Island so patients no longer have to travel to Southampton.
- We increased the number of local nurses being trained on Island as we need to 'grow our own'.
- I support the continued transformation of services as my board were under immense pressure to reduce expenditure.
- The new Mental Health and Wellbeing Centre has now opened but equally important is the strategy for appropriate and effective treatment which disappointingly has been delayed.

Education

- I supported keeping selection at 11 as the consultation showed that 61% wanted to keep selection; and research concluded that evidence is inconclusive on the benefits, or otherwise, of selective as compared to comprehensive systems.
- Currently, at the 4 States funded secondary schools age 11-16, there are 544 empty places and at the predicted peak year in 2026 there would be 237 empty places.
- A number of very senior teachers have contacted us to say that the 4 school, 'hard federation' system proposed by Education would not work.
- After the States voted to end selection, I supported investigating 3 secondary schools with one having a sixth form. Without selection, the new comprehensive schools will need to be larger to have an acceptable academic range within sets, and to provide a broader range of subjects. Also research concluded that the optimal size of age 11-16 schools is between 600 and 1000 pupils.
- All the primary schools should offer breakfast and after school clubs to help working parents.

Social Security

- I supported the amalgamation of the two benefit systems: rent rebates and supplementary benefit, as it was not fair that one system is more generous than the other. I disagreed with reducing the benefit by up to 30% for some short term claimants (up to 26 weeks).
- As the previous Social Security Minister I proposed policies for work incentivisation and putting 'work first, benefit second' which led to a fall in supplementary benefit expenditure for the first time in 10 years.
- I supported gradually increasing the pension age to 70 to help our demographic problems.
- I would like to see an increase in the minimum wage so employees earn enough to not need benefit top-ups.

Old Age Pensions

- I do not want pensioners to lose ground relative to the earnings of the working population.
- I opposed and tried to amend the recent changes to Social Security's policy for increasing pensions which will result in pensions, which are currently 34% of median earnings, falling to 18% of median earnings by 2060. I will continue to support reversing the decline in the value of pensions.
- As a result of the above changes, I supported the initial proposals to introduce secondary pensions, which will be a scheme with low administration costs, in which the public can have confidence.

Long Term Care in Nursing and Residential Homes

- The reason for setting up the fund was to pay for care and accommodation so that people's homes did not need to be sold to fund their care. Therefore, I totally disagree with the States decision to review means testing of the benefit including looking at the value of people's homes.

Development

- Less developed areas of the Island should be protected as much as possible. Development must be concentrated within and around the edges of St Peter Port and the Bridge.
- I made a representation to the Planning Enquiry about derelict glasshouses being cleared.
- The Castel Hospital should be converted into sheltered housing or a community services centre.

Waste Disposal

- As a member of PSD for 15 months, I have worked to accelerate the implementation of the export of waste whilst trying to keep costs down. We cannot now change this policy as Mont Cuét will be full in a couple years.

Revenue Expenditure

- We are running a deficit and I support the transformation of public services to make them more efficient.
- I am opposed to a Goods and Services Tax as it is regressive and expensive to administer.
- I do not support the taxpayer subsidising Aurigny, except for the Alderney routes.
- I did not support borrowing £330 million using a bond. Over 60% of the bond money has not been used, partially because it is not cost effective to use it to refinance some of the existing borrowings.
- The current document duty situation is unfair – it is paid on normal conveyances but companies can avoid this by share transfer. I am disappointed because T&R should have closed this loop-hole over two years ago, and the States is losing millions of pounds each year.
- For very high earners 20% tax should mean 20% i.e. tax allowances should be withdrawn.

Economy

- The finance industry is the engine of our economy and the States must continue to fully support it.
- It is important that we diversify our economy and encourage and support small local businesses. As my previous career was in information technology, I fully support the development of the digital sector, which is ideal for Guernsey.
- I support restrictions on the non-local “white van man” to stop them taking local jobs.

Transport

- I support the transport strategy. I want to make our roads safer and encourage: bus use; pedestrians; cycling by having more cycle lanes and the use of small, economical cars.
- I agree with the final outcome for the seafront, as I consistently argued in committee that there should be 2 lanes going south and there should be a traffic island in the middle.
- Condor – a solution would be to have another freight/passenger ship like the Clipper instead of the freight only Goodwill, to have more resilience especially in winter.



Government

- As a member of States Review committee, I am pleased the States supported our proposal for the new improved committee system of government with better leadership and scrutiny.
- This system, with fewer committees and responsibilities logically grouped within similarly sized committee mandates, has enabled the number of States members to be reduced.
- The improved proposals for policy planning should result in a better co-ordinated and clearer system of prioritising policy development including, for example, the disability strategy.

Island Wide Voting

- I am in favour of Island wide voting if we can find a workable system.
- The States has agreed to hold a referendum on a single Island constituency where everyone has 38 votes and will receive around 90 manifestos. Under this system it would not be practical to have traditional hustings meetings or for candidates to ‘walk the parish’.
- The Electoral Reform Society, the authority on voting systems, said “There are possible models for all-island voting, but unfortunately they all present significant practical difficulties, because of the size of the States of Deliberation, and the lack of political parties in Guernsey”.
- Hence, I will try to have more workable options included in the referendum, including a system where one third of Deputies (12 or 13 votes) are elected every 2 years.

My Background & Information

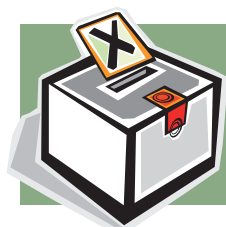
My Background

- 56 years old and married to Anne, a Chartered Accountant. We have 3 children aged 18 to 24, two of which are still in education. One was educated at Les Beaucamps and is now studying for a degree in Agriculture with Dairy Herd Management, and the other one is at Ladies College.
- Lived in the Castel parish for all my life. Previous generations have always lived in the parish and can be traced back to 1620!
- Educated at the Castel Primary School and Elizabeth College. Qualified with a HND in Computer Studies at Plymouth Polytechnic.
- Worked in the Computer Software Industry for over 21 years.
- I am a director of a family company that owns residential property in St Sampson's and I do a small amount of work managing that property.
- I have a horticultural/agricultural background - my father was a grower and I was Chairman of the Young Farmers Club for 2 years.
- Member of the Castel Primary School Committee 1997-2011.
- Douzenier 1994-2008, Constable 1991-92 & Procureur 1989-90.
- I have always been interested in politics and before I was a States member I took an active role in the discussion of the Billets at the Douzaine meetings attended by the Castel Deputies.
- Spokesperson for The Right to Vote Movement 1990-93 that campaigned for Conseillers to be elected by the public.

Proposer and Secunder

I wish to very sincerely thank both:

Bill Luff MBE, my proposer, a retired farmer who was until recently the Secretary of the World Guernsey Cattle Federation, and a Castel Churchwarden and
Sylvia Brouard, my secunder, a gold accredited tour guide.



Your Vote Matters!

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If you need transport to the polling stations please phone me.

INFORMATION

Please vote on

Wednesday 27 April from 08:00 to 20:00

at either:

La Chambre de la Douzaine, Les Beaucamps

or

Cobo Community Centre, Le Guet, Rue de la Lande

'Application for a Postal Vote' forms are available from the Douzaine Room, Sir Charles Frossard House or
www.election2016.gg

Forms must be returned by 12.00 noon on Friday 22nd April.



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