

FOR A BETTER FUTURE VOTE



DAVID DE LISLE For DEPUTY FOR THE WEST

Dear Parishoner

I believe Guernsey needs a stable environment to prosper and should:

- Expand business opportunities and diversify the economy
- Use public funds wisely and balance the books
- Maintain benefits to pensioners and young families,
- Support local community involvement, consultation and interaction to reflect real public concerns.

I put myself forward to:

- Continue to speak out and make representations to challenge government decisions on issues affecting the local community
- Support the rebuild of La Mare and keep the Grammar School education in place
- Offer honesty, integrity, and common sense
- Provide experience gained over 30 years in private business, public service and education as a Senior Economist for the Canadian government, Management Consultant for a Fortune 500 company, University Lecturer and local school teacher, States Deputy and Minister, educated to the Doctorate level.

Throughout this term I have challenged numerous government proposals in the States responding to your concerns with

respect to fiscal constraint, unwise decision making, misuse of public funds and policy decisions made without informed public consultation and agreement.

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Guernsey must encourage new business to diversify the economy and create prospects for additional employment and entrepreneurial growth. Local, independent businesses and financial enterprises play an important role in keeping Guernsey distinct, sustaining the economy and maintaining the Island's competitive advantage.

Reliable and affordable connectivity by air and sea, new routes, sustainable schedules, and improved customer services are critical to making Guernsey a key destination for business and pleasure and enabling tourism to become a year round activity. Air links to Liverpool, Luton, Norwich, Leeds-Bradford and Barcelona offer new opportunities this summer.

Development of renewable energy would reduce our current dependency on external supplies and employ those with engineering skills. Islanders with abandoned greenhouse sites should be encouraged to apply for use as solar farms.

Guernsey's traditional industries such as farming, fishing and horticulture need the full support of the States.

CORPORATE TAX

The Corporate Tax Policy needs to be reviewed to avoid GST and hikes in TRP. This Policy has increased taxes and charges on the individual and eroded benefits to pensioners and young families. It has placed our finances in deficit and failed to produce economic growth.

During the last term I lobbied Treasury & Resources to extend the scope of the corporate tax rate applicable to companies to reduce the deficit and lighten the burden on the individual. **This was implemented and has brought in £15 million in additional revenue to the Treasury.**

EDUCATION PROPOSALS – NO TO CLOSURES

Radical proposals for a comprehensive secondary education system are being rushed through without considering public

opinion. I support the rebuilding of La Mare Secondary School and keeping the Grammar School education in place. A stable and successful education system is key to building investment confidence and economic success in Guernsey.

The Colleges, the Sixth Form Centre and the College of Further Education provide a vital role in the education system and need our continued support.

The drive of the Education Department towards a policy of two and three form entry primary schools puts the Forest and La Houquette at risk of closure. These two schools maintain high standards and provide exemplary results. Both form an integral part of our community and must remain open.

HEALTH SERVICES

HSSD should continue to focus on preventative healthcare to reduce the risks of premature mortality.

I strongly believe that the States should provide a Reciprocal Health Agreement with the UK equal to that of Jersey and the Isle of Man. In addition HSSD must provide proper respite care services and long term care support not just a strategy. We have a responsibility to lift the burden from those who do so much for their loved ones.

The health facilities at the PEH have expanded to benefit the island but parking has become an issue for day, emergency patients and visitors and this needs to be resolved immediately.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

Pensioners should not lose their health benefit grant and exemption from prescription charges nor be forced to sell their homes to pay for long term care. The proposed introduction of individual taxation will add significant costs to those living on fixed incomes. There must be a change to the States bereavement benefit policy. Unfair rules leave widows with no pension from their spouse after one year.

I do not agree with current proposals to increase the cost of living to young families in Guernsey through the withdrawal of:

- universal family allowance payments
- tax relief on mortgage interest
- child allowance scheme for single parents

THE ENVIRONMENT

Environment should be working for and with the people of Guernsey not against them. The department has together with PSD and the Harbour Authority misspent over £500,000 on the town front without considering the community it represents. The commercial and retail centre of St Peter Port must maintain its ease of access and provide adequate parking.

I have lobbied States departments to work together to provide a clean and healthy environment free of chemical pollutants that have been internationally condemned. PSD should have accepted the settlement of £3.5 million plus costs for PFOS contamination rather than risk and lose £8 million.

As Minister of Environment in 2007 I set in motion for Guernsey to become a signatory to the Convention of Biodiversity and proposed further designation of Ramsar sites in the Bailiwick to safeguard the natural environment.

Our sea defences must be given priority as recent storms and rising sea levels continue to cause major breaches.

The beach litter clean up at L'Eree which I have organised over the last ten years with the assistance of the St Peter's Scout Group and the community has led to many organisations around the island adopting a beach. Our beaches are a wonderful natural asset for all to enjoy.

DEALING WITH OUR WASTE

The new waste strategy has been held back by delays, uncertainty, cost rises and interim measures rather than delivering waste and recycling facilities. Key elements have been stripped away. In-vessel composting should be in place to avoid the cost of shipping food waste off island and the needless congestion of our harbour facilities. There has been no clarity as to what will be collected kerbside and how much it will cost householders.

Spending £20 million on the sewage outfalls project extending pipes out further to sea rather than putting in place a full sewage treatment plant as in Jersey has done nothing to clean up our coastal waters.

The island-wide wastewater charging system needs to be modified to eliminate double billing for those on cesspits.

INVESTMENT IN OUR PEOPLE

Our people are key to sustaining a high quality skilled workforce. Succession planning is key through job training and motivational experience. The continual turnover of staffing is costing companies and the States dearly in relocation and re-settlement allowances.

Those with special needs require support to develop their skills and find meaningful employment.

The change from the current housing controls to a population management system will have long term economic and social effects on us all. I have placed successful amendments to States Policy for:

- An 8-year term rather than 14-year term for local children to become residentially qualified
- Granting local rights of residence for armed forces personnel and their families while serving abroad.



I AM COUNTING ON YOUR VOTE

Guernsey is my ancestral home. I am passionate about our western parishes and our Island. I would consider it a privilege to continue to represent you and your concerns in the States.

I support the local community as a Douzenier for St Pierre du Bois, a member of the West Show Committee and L'Assemblaie d'Guernesiais and fund raise for the St Saviour's Community Trust Fund.

My thanks to Keith Bienvenu and Bernard Roussel for supporting my nomination and many thanks for your continued support.

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**Support the voice of reason and sensible practice
in government**

**On Wednesday, 27 April 2016
From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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