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### Personal Statement

Guernsey born, early 40s, well-rounded man of the sea, with one term's experience in politics. I have youth, energy and innovation with me. My background has been in computing, sailing and marine engineering. I have an affinity for fixing things and finding the root cause of a problem, not just fixing the symptom. I am committed to seeing Guernsey thrive and building a true community.

### By election:

Let's be honest- there are currently no committee spaces. This role is one of a back-bencher. I promise to make it my job to highlight what is really happening in the States by asking questions, and laying amendments/requettes. Having previous experience, I can hit the ground running; it won't take me a year or two to get up to speed.

### Core Values:

In our current system, each deputy has one vote. We all have ideas and opinions. There will be many issues not mentioned in this manifesto; I will vote and act according to my core values:

- **Integrity and accountability:** To vote for what I truly believe is right for Guernsey, regardless of a vocal minority. To act transparently, uphold ethical standards and work to **ensure the government is accountable** at all levels.
- **Sustainability:** Act in a way that ensures future generations are always in mind- this includes immigration, energy, tax and our economy.

- **Fairness:** Act in a way that is fair, reasonable, logical and proportionate.
- **Value for money:** Everything costs money, some have a better return than others. I'll keep backing priorities that offer **best value for money** and long-term benefits for our community.

## Policy Stances

### **Taxation:**

Global conflicts are causing significant instability and will substantially increase inflation. **I believe now would be the wrong time to increase GST.** The pressures facing everyone already reduce the amount of money in the economy. Increasing GST will compound that and slow spending further. We all make decisions on what to cut back on, the states needs to do the same. Far too much taxpayer money is wasted; by voting no to GST- savings will have to be made.

- **Savings:** Some of the biggest savings come from government-wide changes such as: removing non-essential overtime, removing the use of travel agencies, non-local recruitment agencies, introducing internal captive insurance schemes, and 'new-to-the-island' compulsory health insurance. These savings could amount to many millions.

### **Economy & AI:**

The world is getting tougher, our finance sector is vital. We must support it wherever we can—while also diversifying. Here are key steps I believe we should take to strengthen and future-proof our economy:



- **Diversification:** Entrepreneurs, new ventures and opportunities should be supported, they can mitigate against shocks from any sector. With the decline in globalisation, food and energy security is more important than ever. We need to **grow more of our own food**, and generate more of our own energy—we need to be more self-sustaining.
- **Skills + Education:** Artificial intelligence is quietly transforming the economy. We need to urgently plan how to re-skill and upskill. Upskilling our workforce is key to driving innovation, boosting productivity and securing economic growth.



## Birth Rate & Demographics

We have a declining birth rate and a changing demographic. When looking at the long-term sustainability of our island, we need to address this. I believe we need to help our local and young people to stay on the island whilst making sure we can cope with changing demands. Here are some ideas I will push for:

- Implement an early years strategy designed to help out with the costs of having children.
- Prioritise the selection of local candidates over off-island ones.
- Help young families trying to conceive with help towards IVF treatment.

## Government & Procedure:

Our consensus system has its challenges –too often, key issues are revisited and delayed. Those **delays aren't just frustrating; they've cost us millions**. We need a more decisive, accountable approach.

I support reviewing and streamlining our machinery of government. I'll also suggest amendments to reform procedures so decisions are based on evidence and impartial financial analysis –not politics.

Currently, deputies are often left to scrutinise their own work. That's not good enough.



Independent scrutiny would make decision-making more transparent, strengthen public trust, and help us dig deeper into the issues that matter. It could also lead to significant savings for taxpayers by catching problems earlier.

## Why me?

Vote for me if you want decisions to be grounded in facts, money spent wisely and a government that puts locals first.

**Vote Sam**  
**Vote Savings**

