



**ANTHONY
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**DOUGLAS SOUTH
BY-ELECTION**

Thursday 27 August 2020

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Dear Voter,

By now you will have received my introductory letter and this Manifesto to help you choose who to represent you in the House of Keys.

We are living in unprecedented times; our world has changed as a result of Covid 19 and we have not reached a place of new normal.

There are going to be many challenges for all sections of our community, our Island and the Nation. Things will not be the same as they once were.

I have 30 years' experience in business and 4 years as a Commissioner gaining valuable knowledge and experience to meet the day to day problems and create solutions for the bigger issues, with you the people of Douglas South at the forefront of all my decisions to make things better for everyone.

If elected I will repay the faith you have put in me by adding value from day one. This is a full-time commitment to work to the best of my ability to make a difference to you and your families lives now and in the future.

I will be a loud and clear voice, fighting your corner from day one.

Please contact me anytime and I will make time to try and answer any questions. Make the right decision, choose the best representation for you on the floor of Tynwald for years to come.

Thank you
Anthony Allen

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Pick The Best Experienced Candidate

Standing as an Independent Candidate.

I have current experience of working with local and national government.

I am up to speed with the various consultations and proposals which maybe become legislation in the future.

This is not a one-year job contract to pass the time.

There is serious work to be done!

The amount of money in your pocket is less and costs are going up.

This is an opportunity to make a difference now, dealing with the day to day challenges, making decisions on your behalf and in your best interests.

Repaying the trust, faith and vote you make on August 27.

In twelve months', time I will commit to a further five-year term, the time to conclude the bigger medium to long term projects.

I am committed to working full time to achieving the best possible outcomes for the people of Douglas South.

Adding value with be tangible for every part of the community.

I have a track record of working for the people, getting things done where others have failed. With determination, perseverance and a can-do attitude your interests will be in safe hands.

I will hit the ground running from day one, time to roll up my sleeves and get the job done!

Economic Growth

The Island has an enviable position at the time of writing of being Covid free and hopefully this will remain the case.

However, our government will have accumulated debt in this period and will look to all its citizens to contribute to paying this money back.

It will need to create job opportunities in a diverse economy by investing in businesses old and new. There will be new opportunities, which must be considered with an open mind, embracing technology to compete in today's world. The infrastructure on Island must be world class and there is no reason why with investment it can't be.

I am an optimist and believing that we can reach these goals with focus and common-sense decision making.

We have not reached a place where Brexit has been concluded. The UK Government is still negotiating, we are on the side lines of this epic struggle. Waiting for the certainty to be able to make decisions, trade in new markets that will affect us all.

Where and who we can trade with and at what cost will become clear and we will meet those challenges head on.

Confidence will be restored; we will grow a diverse economy and create real opportunities to grow established and new sectors step by step.



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Education

The standard of education, the morale of teaching staff and transport to school have all been hot topics in recent times.

After protracted negotiations Teachers look like they will reach an acceptable agreement soon or maybe not before school restarts.

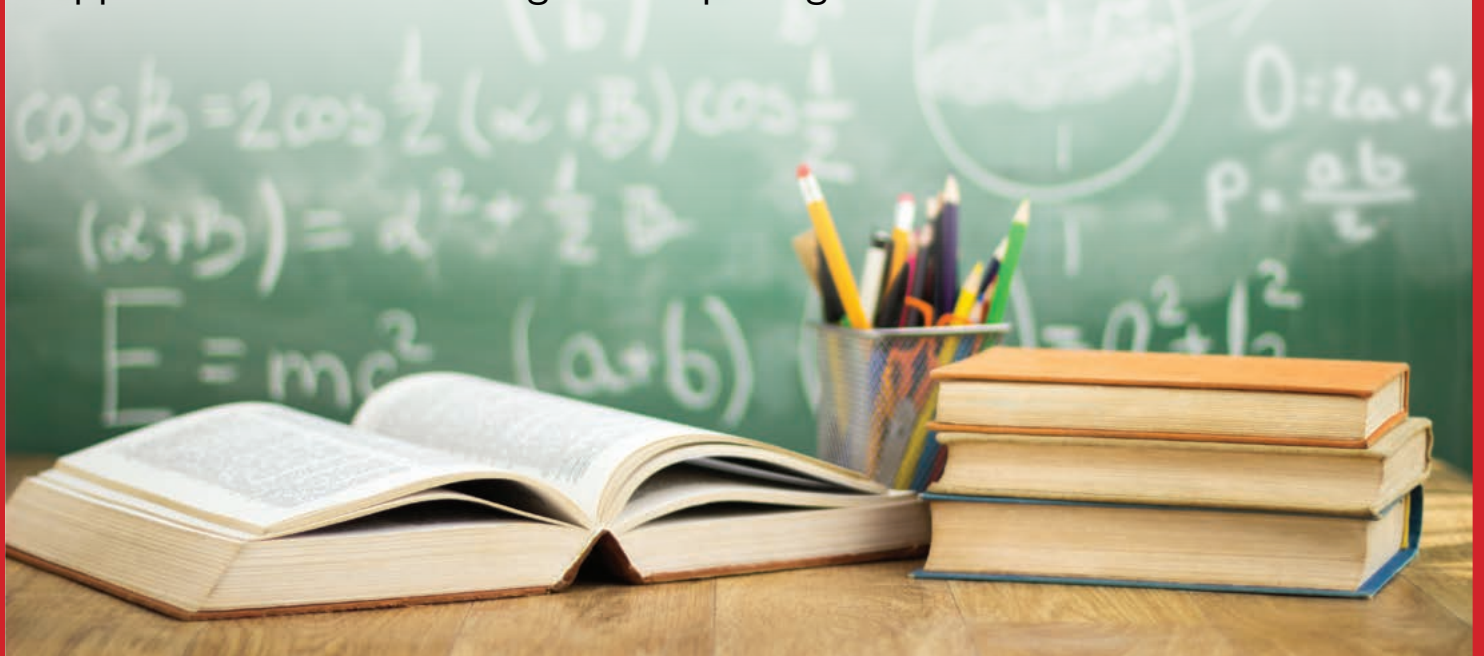
Listening to our Teachers and understanding what resources they need to give children the best chance to learn to achieve their goals and have opportunities open to them is the way forward.

All parents want the best for their children and together we will make this happen. The education they receive will be the best we can deliver in partnership with all the professionals and agencies.

Additional preschool places, balanced school meals and access to sports giving everyone the best possible start and support as they progress on their educational journey.

Supporting our children in education is one of the greatest investments we can make as a Nation.

Its not just about financial support, which will help, its also about job opportunities and creating these openings before it's too late.



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Health and Social Care

Patient centred access and pathways available to all people with no bias or unnecessary delays will require more money to meet the demands of our increasing older population. Scrutiny of costs will be required on a regular basis and accountability where mistakes are made.

From April 2021 Health and Social Care will embark on a new journey and excellent leadership is required to maximise the return on this huge public investment.

Dental Care is still way below where it needs to be with access to NHS care still at unacceptable levels.

There is still a shortfall of trained healthcare professionals on Island and this must be addressed. On Island training where possible must be provided to retain local people.

Mental health support which is inadequately funded and ineffective at the point of delivery.



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Care for the Elderly

We have a duty to ensure pensions keep pace with inflation and there is enough money to meet the costs of living.

I will continue to campaign for a change in legislation so that people never have to surrender their home to meet the cost of nursing care.

A senior citizen representative in Tynwald to represent a growing group in our society. Putting them at the forefront will remind everyone we owe our elderly a debt of gratitude for all the sacrifices they have made for us.



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Housing

Providing suitable affordable housing has proven to be a difficult puzzle in recent times, resulting in many hours of discussion and expense.

I am not confident the government have agreed upon the direction of travel to meet today's needs and those of the people now and in the future.

I will support any suitable scheme which provides first time buyers the opportunity to get on the property ladder.

Independent assisted living for the elderly is an area where the provision is inadequate and where the right type of accommodation is as important as where it is in relation to local amenities.



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Energy

The Manx Gas contract was unfairly biased to the provider with fixed standing charges. The new contract must be improved with greater fairness to the consumer.

Manx Electricity Authority prices are also at a level where fuel poverty is a real concern for many people.

Looking forward renewable energy is the right direction for the Island.

Investing in self-reliance schemes where traditional methods of insulation are replaced with better ways to achieve greater efficiencies and savings. Schemes to properly insulate homes should be a government initiative.

Wasting energy is no good for anyone.



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First Year Priorities

Engage with government to assess all ways to aid the recovery of the economy and the prosperity of the island

Campaign for all sections of society to receive care and benefits that meet their day to day needs.

Greater transparency and accountability for decision making.

Meet the expectations of the general public with clear and timely responses in a consistent manner.

When borders are opened, there are staff managing the intake of all visitors to the Island with suitable checks at the point of arrival. Although this is not a guaranteed method of preventing the virus from being transmitted later. A robust border control must be in place for the foreseeable future.

Ensure the services delivered by Douglas Council are meeting the expectations of the residents of Douglas South.

Ensuring Pensions and benefits rise at least in line with prices

Law and order are police matters, keeping people safe is a government priority.

Antisocial behaviour can make people's lives miserable. This is not acceptable, and measures must be put in place to deal with this so people feel safe and comfortable in their homes.

Election Information

The By-Election is on Thursday 27 August 2020.

There are two vacancies to represent you, please vote wisely.

Polling Station will be clearly marked on your Ballot card.

8.00am to 8.00pm

Pulrose Methodist Church, Pulrose Road, Pulrose, Douglas

Anagh Coar Primary School, Darragh Way, Anagh Coar, Douglas

Scoil Vallajeelt, Meadow Crescent, Ballalaughton, Douglas

Count location:

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If you require any assistance, please contact me on 461140

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