

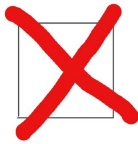
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My name is **Lon Pinkerton** and I am standing as an independent candidate in the forthcoming Douglas South By-Election on Thursday 27th August, 2020. I am 50 years old and live in Anagh Coar with my wife, Zuzana, and our 4 year old daughter, Zara. I was educated at Auldyn Infants, Albert Road and Ramsey Grammar School in Ramsey and have spent nearly 30 years working within the public service sector. I have had experience in a wide range of customer service, administrative, finance and HR roles within Isle of Man Government and associated Statutory Boards.

Motivation

I will work hard to meet as many of you as I can over the next few weeks; I will listen carefully to you, to understand the pressing issues that concern you. If I am successful I will represent you until the current term ends in 2021 and then, hopefully, beyond the next General Election. I certainly feel part of the local community here in Douglas South; my wife currently works in one of the schools in the area and our daughter will be starting in the reception class at Anagh Coar School this coming September.

Agenda

Over the past few months we have seen an unprecedented downturn in all sectors of the local economy as a direct result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

As we slowly start to emerge from this, I intend to be part of this conversation if successful with my candidacy. Everyone has been affected either directly or indirectly by this pandemic, and the pressure on our public services and staff has been severe. As an island we cannot stay isolated in the longer term and, indeed, should embrace the current situation to position our island community in relation to our British and Irish neighbours and those beyond.

All sectors of our economy will need to adapt: the challenges of finding jobs for those who have already lost employment and those coming into the labour market, such as school leavers and graduates, will be a significant challenge moving forward.

The Past & The Future

Our unique heritage and parliamentary system – unbroken for more than one thousand years – also underpins my belief in our democracy. I view myself as a democratic socialist and believe wholeheartedly in our public services and how they benefit everyone in the island. I have no vested interests that I would need to declare and this allows me to stand on my own platform, without fear or favour. Shaping a sustainable future will be key to rebalancing both our island lifestyle and our economy.

Your Voice & Your Vote Counts

Thank you for taking the time to read this document, and I hope to gain your vote on 27th August: it would be an honour to represent you, the people of Douglas South, in the House of Keys. I look forward to meeting and listening to you all over the coming weeks.

All the best,

- **The Representation of the People Act 1995**
- **Representation of the People Regulations 2015**