

# MANIFESTO

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**MHK CANDIDATE FOR  
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Energy, enthusiasm, excellence; a candidate who cares with a passion, working with you to make a change for the better.

Dear constituent

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Sara Hackman. I am 50 years old and I live in Belmont Terrace, Douglas central, with my two sons, partner and his son.

Through both my employment and voluntary activities I have a comprehensive knowledge of public and private sector business and local government, having worked extensively in the finance and retail sectors, as well as running several successful small businesses I have a sound understanding of business operations including managing budgets and accounts, marketing, training and public relations.



With also eight years experience as a Douglas Councillor for St. Georges ward I have gained a deep insight into what matters to the people of Douglas and the Isle of Man.

For the municipal year 2015/16 I had the honour of serving as the Mayor of Douglas.

Currently I work in the finance department at Hospice IOM.

In the long-term I believe the Isle of Man has the potential to enjoy strong economic growth, but to achieve that goal the next 5 years are going to be difficult and will demand strong leadership from men and women in the House of Keys who are not afraid to make difficult decisions.

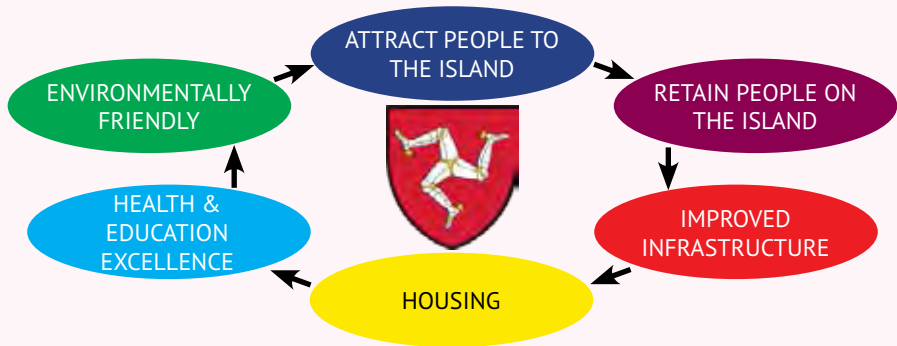
I am one such woman, fully prepared to face stark realities.

I not only have the determination to serve as an MHK but also the experience to promote the Island internationally, as I believe we must be recognised as a respected Crown Dependency, a well regulated jurisdiction and a serious player on the global stage if we are to secure a better future for the Isle of Man and our children.

### **I believe .....**

- **In being an honourable decision maker, in transparency not secrecy;**
- **In tolerance not discrimination;**
- **In environmental improvements and preservation not destruction; and**
- **In truth not lies.**

# To achieve a better future & economy for the Isle of Man



## Attract people to the Island

- Effective marketing of the diverse activities that the Island can offer, including heritage transport to boost tourism;
- Incentives needed to attract our degree graduates back to the Island;
- New business start-up schemes, especially innovative ones
- Points system to replace the current work permit scheme;
- Encourage development of a major entertainment complex.

## Retain people on the Island

- Support apprenticeships in all sectors;
- Increased places for more nurse training;
- Ascertain the voids in the job market and increase the opportunities for retraining.
- Shared maternity & paternity leave.

## Improved infrastructure

- Rolling road and pavement maintenance scheme;
- Do it right first time every time;
- Ensure the cost of regular maintenance is always built into the cost of capital projects;
- Licence companies to explore for gas in Manx waters.

## Housing

- Shared equity schemes to help first-time buyers
- Regular means testing for social housing;
- Both of which should stimulate the construction industry.

## Health & Education excellence

- Act on the West Midland's review to improve hospital management;
- We need to restore public confidence and staff morale, handing back some of the decision making to the senior ward sisters/matrons;
- Prepare students with life skills such as financial acumen and debt management;
- Investigate the use of medical cannabis for pain relief.

## Environmentally Friendly

- Build more passive housing (a house that wastes less energy);
- Recycling-help local authorities to promote wasting less;
- Teach environmental responsibility at school.
- Grants and loans to improve houses energy efficiency & appearance, access to approved reliable traders.

## If elected my priorities are

- Resurface the promenade without all of the grand schemes.
- Local government reform such as reducing the number of local authorities to 5.
- Pensions-moving to defined contribution schemes rather than defined benefit.
- Reinstate the free TV licence for over 75's
- Reduce the size of central government to make it leaner and fit for purpose.
- Push for reform of COMIN, in its current form it can appear to be a dictatorship.

## My pledges to you are

- I will serve you with integrity, one person who says what they mean, keeps their word and I will not lie to you;
- I will be strong and confident, yet humble;
- I will be intelligent not sly;
- I will encourage diversity and certainly not bigoted discrimination; and
- I will always listen to the person on the street, understanding what the country needs on every level and will hold regular surgeries.

***“Elections belong to the people. It’s their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters”***

***(Abraham Lincoln)***

## So please use your vote to



# VOTE HACKMAN

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