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Personal Manifesto



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Introduction



Working for the Island

I'm a working man and a family man, not a career politician. I know what it's like to live in the real world, and how detached political leaders can seem.

If elected, I pledge to work for Island residents and their interests by bringing my work ethic forward into Westminster.

Policies for People

Like you, I'm tired of the same old politics and the same old broken promises.

UKIP are the only political party with a genuine commitment to pro-democracy policies and a respect and concern for the lives of ordinary people.

As UKIP Member of Parliament for the Isle of Wight, I will be a powerful voice for the interests of all Islanders.

I will fight tirelessly for you.

Charter of Values

Voluntary Recall

I will remain accountable to the Island's voters, and pledge to agree to a voluntary recall before the end of my first term. If 15% of Island voters raise a recall petition within 28 days, I will stand down and ask for a by-election.

So far, I am the only candidate who has given this a pledge.

Transparent Expenses

I pledge transparency in how I handle public expenses, making details of expenditures available to voters at the time they are incurred.

Your Opinion Counts

I pledge to regularly canvas local opinions, to ensure I am working in your interest.

Island Policies for Island People

I pledge to always stand up for the best interests of the island and its residents.

Where I stand on...

European Union and Immigration

EU Referendum

- UKIP is the only party offering a guaranteed referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union. I believe the British public should be able to decide their own political destiny.

Points-Based Immigration

- I support an Australian-style immigration system that ensures we get the people we need to support the growth of British business.
- I am opposed to uncontrolled economic migration. I want to see an end to our public services being pushed to breaking point by those who have contributed nothing to it.
- I believe Britain should be a beacon of hope around the world, and we should continue to offer refuge to asylum seekers suffering genuine persecution under tyrannical regimes.

Education

Grammar School Pledge

- I pledge my commitment to supporting a re-introduction of grammar schools and to establishing a grammar school on the Island by 2020, to give bright young people the best possible start in life, whatever their background.

Vocational Support

- I believe in supporting the students who fuel our economy; the doctors, teachers and engineers of tomorrow. For this reason, I support an abolition of tuition fees for vocational University courses.

NHS and Public Health

Compassionate Care

- I support the establishment of Island-based community hospitals and an end to healthcare bureaucracy.
- I am committed to a compassionate healthcare system, ensuring Island residents receive superb old age, degenerative and end of life care.
- I want to remove the red tape, allowing GP's more say in decisions over known patient's welfare.
- I support the redirection of funds away from frivolous NHS procedures towards support for those living with real illnesses or disabilities.

Taxation and Benefits

A Fairer System

- I am in favour of an annual personal threshold of £13,500, so people working on minimum wage would pay no income tax at all.

- I will strive to ensure the benefits system works for UK residents by supporting a flexible ‘Work for Dole’ scheme.
- I support Island-wide inheritance tax cuts, to ensure residents are able to leave a legacy of their choosing.

Economy and Business

Centres of Excellence

- I am dedicated to developing innovation and investment, fuelling job growth by encouraging and establishing Enterprise Zones and Centres of Excellence on the Island, particularly in crucial fields such as IT and engineering.
- I support cuts to Island business rates in order to further support growth within the Island’s economy.
- I would like to see the abolition of business rates for start-ups, who would pay nothing in their first two years of trading.

Island Transport

Accessible and Functional

- I would work with the ferry companies to find a positive commercial solution to the Island’s transport problems. But I would also demand a dedicated Ferries Ombudsman who would have the ability to intervene to protect our essential services.
- I intend to address the problems with Island Roads, urging the Council to consider its reliance upon PFI contracts to undertake vital maintenance work.

- I am dedicated to the continuation of free bus passes for the over-65s, as a way of easing the financial burden on the Island's older residents.

Energy and the Environment

The Island's Choice

- I support a referendum on fracking, to ensure that our Island energy policies reflect the choices and best interests of residents.
- I am against Island-based marine conservation zones (MCZ's) as they would restrict activities such as sailing and fishing, deterring future nautical investment and damaging our economic potential.
- I would support investment in clean coal plants.

Defence, Security and Policing

Prioritising Safety

- I am committed to supporting our armed forces and veterans, and support the reversal of UK defence cuts, in order to secure a safer nation for all.



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