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- I will commit to making our government more decisive, effective and efficient;
- Find a way to reduce the environmental impact of our buildings;
- Introduce new consumer protection legislation;
- Find a way to improve our on and off island travel connections; and
- Let's not ignore the effects of climate change.

Personal statement

I'm extremely excited to present this manifesto to you, the voter. I'm a new candidate so I represent new blood in the assembly. My professional outlook/business experience means I provide a fresh look through an experienced lens. I decided to run for election because I couldn't simply sit and watch from the sidelines. I want to help make positive changes so Guernsey becomes an even better place to live.

Manifesto

I'm a 57-year-old dad with two daughters and a husband to my amazing wife, Cate. I'm the owner of Chescoe Limited, Chartered Surveyors, a past men's captain at La Grande Mare golf club, an avid record collector and a community volunteer.

I spent 10 years as the States Senior Building Control Surveyor before setting up my business in 2014. I've worked extremely hard to build trust with my clients and strengthen

relationships with contractors and professional bodies in Guernsey, becoming one of their 'go-to' surveyors.

If you know me you'll be fully aware of my love of music and the performing arts. I've been lucky to travel around Europe annually following my favourite bands. I'm a regular concert and festivalgoer - if that doesn't show commitment to a passion, I don't know what does!

There are many reasons to run as a Deputy, however I'm more determined thanks to my family. Cate and I grew up in a small village in England, built our first home there and brought up our two wonderful children, Caitlin and Chloe in Guernsey. I am proud of my family and the support they have shown for my decision to run for election. They too want me to help make Guernsey an even better place.

My passion for music led me to volunteering at Vinyl Vaughan on Saturday mornings. A small group of us helped him set up his dream record shop, which has now been open for three years.

I am also a volunteer for St John Guernsey. I was pleased to help out during lockdown assisting with collections and deliveries. I'm also a member of the St John Guernsey property board and provide professional advice on property and regulatory matters.

Now for my political statement, I want to say first and foremost there will be no false promises. I may not have all the answers now but I will try my utmost to push forward what I believe in.

I've spent over 35 years in the building and construction industry so I know a thing or two. There is currently no obligation to build to industry best practice here. Let's challenge this. It will seek to increase efficiency, reduce costs and improve the quality of our homes and workplaces.

We also need to urgently consider ways to reduce the environmental impact of our buildings in terms of emissions and energy use. It's time we improve our current energy policy and linking this with how we build on the island. I want to help drive forward improvements to our Island Development Plan for planning and building and I think we are in a great position to start working more closely on green initiatives with the private sector.

I will not allow Guernsey to become an economic backwater where innovation and progress has left us behind. Let's focus on areas such as digital connectivity, environmental protection, refuse disposal and rights for consumers. I would seek to ensure we position ourselves to be at the forefront of new thinking and action in these areas.

I am also eager to focus on consumer protection measures. Guernsey is at the mercy of rogue traders and, having experienced this myself, I know this is a painful, expensive and unpleasant experience. We need to implement legislation protecting ourselves from such behaviour. Consumer protection and trading standards, supported by law, is something I will push for.

We also need to find a way to improve our travel connections to the UK and further afield. We must make services more reliable and affordable. Our dependence upon Condor and Aurigny for essential travel, food and freight has run its course. We must increase competition.

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Guernsey is not immune to the effects of climate change and, if the forecasts are accurate about rising sea levels, we must act now to make improvements to our sea defences through a planned structure of work.

Running as a Deputy for the first time I'm excited about joining the Guernsey Partnership of Independents - a group of like-minded people who, although remain independent, are wholly supportive of each other. The Guernsey Partnership of Independents has endorsed my nomination and together we can make and implement the necessary changes to benefit our island and all islanders. I can't wait to get started alongside them.

If you think the issues I've raised are important, vote Chescoe on 7 October 2020.

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