




Dear Elector,
If you have not yet had a chance to respond to my survey please use the one below and I will add your results to those I have already received.


1. Which of the following should be introduced to help police our Island?

- ID Cards
- Better Immigration Controls
- Speed restrictions
- 24 hour licensing
- MOT vehicle testing
- More police officers




What else should the Government be spending more on?

- Local Government
- Increased foreign Aid
- Improved grants to Farmers
- Local People in need of help ie housing
- Public Transport
- Leisure sport facilities



2. Do you feel we should be spending more on our environment on :

- Recycling
- Incineration
- Renewable energy
- Charging per amount of rubbish



I believe in people having their say. What would you like more say on?

- Planning matters
- EU legislation
- Laws
- Health & Safety issues
- Island wide referendums - key legislation



3. Do you feel we should be spending more on our health services on :

- Doctors surgeries
- Dentists
- Island hospital provision
- Ambulance services




Is there anything else about these or any other issue you would like to tell me about;

(Please feel free to continue on another sheet)


4. Tourism is important to our economy. How can we help :

- Better advertising in the UK
- Improved sport promotion
- More Advertising abroad
- Subsidised ferry / air fares




5. With regard to communications do we want :

- Our own TV channel
- To scrap the BBC TV licence
- More filmmakers subsidy
- Cheaper Broadband provision



What methods should the government use to raise taxes?

- VAT
- Income Tax
- Petrol Duty
- National Insurance



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ELECTORS SURVEY



When I started my campaign I promised that I would listen to you, the electors, and would put together a manifesto that represented your views. To do this I sent out a Constituency wide Elector's Survey - my "Your Views Count Campaign"

After much painstaking correlation, with the help of two other people I have been able to put together the results.

I'd like to thank everyone who responded and especially those of you who were brave enough to download the larger version on my web site and either send it to me in the post or answer it by email.

In addition to this I have had many face to face conversations with people, which I have fed into the results.

My manifesto will follow. Rest assured it will represent your views for the future of our Island. I will never please all of the people, all of the time, but I will endeavour to represent most of the people all of the time.

Note – The percentages that follow are those of respondents.

Your Views — The Survey results

Police



- ⇒ ID Cards 70% against.
- ⇒ Speed Restrictions only 35% in favour of more.
- ⇒ MOT Vehicle Testing 85% against.
- ⇒ Better Immigration Controls 70% in favour .
- ⇒ 24 Hour Licensing Minor issue.
- ⇒ More Police Officers Minor issue.

In the comments section a substantial number expressed concern that we are being forced into accepting an Island wide Speed Limit. Considerable comment on immigration, not necessarily against it, but people would like to know who's already here and more about those who are coming to the Island. More Police on the beat. Zero tolerance?

Communications



- ⇒ Our own TV Channel 20% were in favour.
- ⇒ More film makers subsidy 10% in favour. (Hopefully not required.)
- ⇒ Scrap the BBC Licence fee 60% in favour.
- ⇒ Cheaper Broadband provisions 70% in favour.

⇒ Not enough Manx coverage. Would like information on benefits of Film subsidies.

How Should we raise Taxes?



- VAT 20%
- Income Tax 35%
- Petrol Duty 16%.
- National Insurance 12% in favour
- A general presumption against higher taxes.

We need better spending control!

Health Service Spending



- ⇒ Doctors Surgeries, not an issue.
- ⇒ On-Island Hospital provision, still concerns about the cost of the hospital.
- ⇒ Dentists 80% in favour of spending more. (Problems with NHS Dentists!)

⇒ Ambulance services, satisfactory.

Tourism Promotion



- ⇒ Better advertising in the UK 46%.
- ⇒ More advertising abroad 20%.
- ⇒ Improved TT and Grand Prix promotion 11% in favour.
- ⇒ Subsidise Ferry and Air fares around 76%.

Further comments – several expressed that for the TT to continue the format might need to be changed and would benefit from better promotion and PR, as would other Island events. Air fares and ferry costs were very high compared to other destinations in the UK and Ireland.

Environment



- ⇒ Recycling 70% wanted more spending.
- ⇒ Renewable Energy 70% thought this was a good idea.
- ⇒ Incineration 5% in favour.
- ⇒ Charging per amount of rubbish 5% in favour.

In the comments section there was an emphatic NO for charging on the amount of rubbish produced. There was also a general comment on the environment that there was evidence of more graffiti, and less care in terms of litter than in the past (Maybe a law and order issue. My comment). Charging for rubbish by amount would cause more fly tipping as does 2 week collections. Big support for Green Energy.

Where else do we need to spend more money?



- ⇒ Local Government 12% in favour.
- ⇒ Improved Grants for Farmers 30% in favour.
- ⇒ Public Transport 28% in favour.
- ⇒ Increased Foreign Aid 19% in favour.
- ⇒ Local People in need of help, i.e. Housing 65% in favour.

⇒ Leisure Sport facilities 30% in favour.

In the comments section there is resistance to increasing Foreign Aid. Concern over the recent budget and problems this may create for Farmers and the landscape in the future. Help for young Farmers.

What you want more say on?



- ⇒ Planning matter 70%.
- ⇒ Laws 30%.
- ⇒ Island Wide Referendums on Key Legislation 42%.
- ⇒ EU Legislation 33%.
- ⇒ Health and Safety Issues 30%.

"I believe in people having their say."

Finally, many other issues were raised :-

Dissatisfaction with present Government . Financial mismanagement, refusal to take responsibility, lack of expertise and business skills.

Far too much new legislation. Health and Safety regulation seems out of control.

Far too much legislation coming from across (the UK and EU).

More contact locally with MHK — hold regular surgeries.

Would like more public consultation on Island wide legislation or major changes to regulation.

Immigration. People were very concerned about the number of people coming onto the Island. In many cases we do not know who they are. ID Cards could address this?

Lower cost housing for young people and people on low incomes required.

Planning. There are a number of comments about our present Planning system and how people felt their views were not being listened to.

A lot of people seem to think that Health and Safety legislation is getting out of hand.

Law and order in terms of more crime, vandalism and basic disrespect. Things are getting worse not better. Bring in zero tolerance.

Generally in favour of our low tax economy. Some express concern that we are actually charged VAT. When it comes to petrol duty as one individual said, "we are being ripped off".

Vehicle testing and more speed restrictions. A number expressed the view that neither were required and that money was being wasted in many cases on new signage that has appeared on our roads etc. Better training and awareness would address the issues.

Hospital provision. We have spent a small fortune on a new hospital yet we are still sending many people to the UK. NHS Dentists are a problem to find.

TV Channel We should have our own TV Channel. If they can manage it in the Channel Islands why can't we here. At the very least more Manx coverage.

Broadband Access. Broadband is very expensive on the Island and slow compared to the UK.

The Birch. 25% would like it back!