

**Candidate for the Position of Chief Minister
Statement
Deputy Lyndon John Farnham**

1. VISION FOR A STRATEGIC POLICY

My vision for Jersey is for an island that provides a high quality and a more affordable way of life for all residents.

To create a thriving and sustainable community that embraces its unique natural beauty, rich heritage, and vibrant culture, while also being a sought-after destination for visitors from around the world.

In this vision, Jersey will be a place where innovation and entrepreneurship flourish, creating opportunities for economic growth and prosperity.

We have lost our way. Government is too cumbersome, it tries to do too much and achieves little. We must slim down. We must identify our major problems and solve them one by one.

Healthcare and Education.

I will prioritise healthcare and education which must be of the highest standard, providing our residents with access to the best possible facilities and services.

Affordable Housing

I will prioritise affordable housing. Affordable housing is a critical component of any thriving community. It is the foundation for ensuring that individuals and families of all income levels have access to safe, decent, and affordable homes. Affordable housing plays a vital role in promoting social equity, economic stability, and overall well-being. We must solve this.

Economy

The development of sustainable industries that respect and protect our environment, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the island's natural beauty.

Community

We will foster a strong sense of community, promoting safety, inclusivity and diversity, and supporting the well-being of all individuals..

Heritage

Preserving and celebrating our unique heritage will be a key part of our vision.

We will protect and maintain our historical sites, while also embracing modern developments that enhance our cultural offerings.

Jersey will be a place where tradition and innovation coexist harmoniously.

Our island will be known for its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Renewable energy

We will strive to be a leader in renewable energy, waste management, and conservation efforts. Through sustainable practices and responsible tourism, we must preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

External Relations and International Development

How the outside world perceives us is incredibly important. Maintaining strong external relations is vital for Jersey's development and prosperity.

The benefits span across various aspects of the island's economy, culture, tourism, and international cooperation.

By actively engaging with the global community, Jersey can unlock new opportunities, showcase its unique identity, contribute to global issues, and enhance its reputation on the international stage.

One of the key requirements of the Chief Minister is to represent Jersey on the international stage, an area in which I have extensive experience.

Working together

The States Assembly consists of individuals from various backgrounds representing different parishes and constituencies, parties and other groups.

When legislators work together constructively they bring a wide range of expertise to the policy development process. Future collaboration will ensure that policy discussions are inclusive and consider multiple view points leading to more well rounded and comprehensive policies that will better address the needs of Islanders.

My commitment is to ensure that as an Assembly and as a Government we work together with respect and courtesy.

To repeat a phrase said a number of times in past assemblies, it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. We need to focus on positive relations and outcomes for the betterment of our Island. As a Jerseyman and a longstanding member of this Assembly that is an inherent part of my DNA

2. THE MANNER IN WHICH I WOULD PROPOSE TO DISCHARGE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS CHIEF MINISTER

It is clear that the Assembly was dissatisfied with how the Government engaged and communicated with Scrutiny, the Assembly and members in general.

No-one who knows me can ever accuse me of discourtesy or lack of professionalism. My style is based around working together, inclusion and communication.

That is why part of my vision makes reference to these areas, given the very poor communication and management of relationships that has happened at all levels during the past two years.

It is my intention to ensure that communications and flow of information are enhanced, and proper inclusion and engagement are critical if we are to move away from the mistakes of the past. As a member of Scrutiny, properly managing the relationship between Ministers and Scrutiny is hugely important.

Being Deputy Chief Minister during the global pandemic clearly shows my ability to work under intense and prolonged pressure and also to deal with some of the most difficult decisions members can possibly imagine.

Clearly the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers have the responsibility to lead when policy is developed, but it is critical that proper engagement does take place in relation to the development of such policy at an early stage. This has not always been the case.

My skill and style is working with a team. It cannot be acceptable for Ministers to operate in silos, not working properly with each other, leading to dysfunctional outcomes.

I am committed to ensuring that Assistant Ministers should be fully involved with the department and should also have experience within other areas. They must have full access to all aspects of the Ministerial brief and be capable of stepping in, in the absence of the Minister.

As I assemble the team, it will be a team that is focussed on delivery and solutions to problems not just words. We have 2 years to resolve and achieve a number of critical issues and must ensure focus on delivering on these critical areas.

I want to start with a clean sheet, and a new team, without the fear of retribution, and to move forward together, positively and openly, as a team, for the benefit of our Island and those who live on it.

Curriculum Vitae

Summary

Company Director and Business Consultant (36+ years)

Member of the States Assembly (18 years)

Member Privileges and Procedures Committee

Member Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Member Jersey Police Authority

Member Bailiff's Consultative Panel

Honorary Life Member Jersey Battle of Flowers Association

Career History

2022 to date : Member Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Member Privileges and Procedures Committee

Member Jersey Police Authority

Member Bailiff's Consultative Panel

2018 – 2022 : Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture

Chair – Our Hospital Political Oversight Group

Chair – Anti Inflation Group

2014 – 2018 : Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture

2011/12 - 2014 : Assistant Minister Home Affairs

President Jersey Hospitality Association

Member Justice Advisory Panel

Member Tourism Marketing Panel

2000 – 2002 : President Jersey Battle of Flowers Association

1999 – 2005 : Deputy of St Saviour No 2 district

Positions held during this period :

President - Gambling Control Committee

Vice President – Economic Development Committee

Vice President – Harbours & Airport Committee

Chairman – Jersey Tourism Board

Chairman – Tourism Development Fund

Chairman – Jersey Conference Bureau

Chairman – Emerging Industries Board

I also served on a number of other Committees, Boards and Trusts

1998 – 1997 : Committee Member Jersey Battle of Flowers Association

1982 – 1985 : Former Harrods Management Trainee, graduated from College for the Distributive Trades (London).

1976 – 1981 : Secondary education : Les Quennevais school and Hautlieu

Foreign Languages Spoken :

French

Other :

Interests : Running, Walking (with my dog Winston) Cycling, Swimming, Triathlon, Reading, History, Music (drumming) and Politics.

Member: Jersey Heritage Trust and National Trust Jersey.