

6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Election of a Chief Minister, Council of Ministers Act 1990, Section 2, Written Statement**

Dear Members

I am the only candidate for Chief Minister who set out the programme for government in my manifesto at the recent general election. The policies for the position of Chief Minister are exactly the same. This was a demonstration of my honesty and openness to the electorate. These policies have not changed and are now attached for your consideration.

As Chief Minister I will work with members of Tynwald who will work with me to achieve the caring and prosperous society that our Island deserves. I will build alliances and revitalise politics but if I cannot convert adversaries into partners I will stand up to them.

As your Chief Minister I will expect my government to focus on sound fiscal responsibility and international affairs. My government will work with the private sector to sustain growth and maintain confidence and investment despite the current constraints on government finances. We will encourage our people to become minority participants in financing the infrastructure of our strategic lifelines where appropriate.

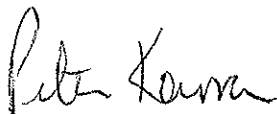
We are an Island but we are not immune from outside influence and inspection. It is of prime importance that your Chief Minister has an unblemished political career. Any outside body can inspect my political career and they will find nothing that could be of detriment to the Island's reputation.

During the 30 years of my political career I have held many positions some of which are listed on the next page. I have always been willing to work with those who share my principles and vision. Rather than listing everything, I will give you a couple of examples. I was part of a Labour Party alliance with Sir Miles Walker and during this time a lot of social legislation was introduced which many initially felt was impossible to achieve. I was Chairman of the Water Authority and under my leadership proper systems of management, infrastructure planning and sound financial control were achieved. The financial structure which I initiated allowed the Island to achieve its triple A rating which has proven to be essential to the promotion of the Island in the worldwide stage of business and commerce.

I will pursue a programme of genuine openness and transparency in government. I am determined to navigate a path which will drive forward the process of improving efficiency, quality of service and the value for money agenda in government. I will encourage scrutiny and constructive criticism to facilitate this process.

Working together we can build on previous achievements and make the necessary changes to ensure the continued growth and success of our nation.

Yours sincerely



Peter Karran MHK  
Leader of the Liberal Vannin Party  
Member for Onchan



## **PETER KARRAN MHK – ABBREVIATED HISTORY**

### **DEPARTMENTAL MEMBER:**

1985 to 1986	Highway Board
1986 to 1991	Health & Social Security
1996 to 2001	Health & Social Security
1987 to 1991	War Pensions Committee
1991 to 1993	Home Affairs
1991 to 1996	Education
1993 to 1996	Highway, Ports & Properties
2001 to 2006	Agricultural, Fisheries & Forestry
2006 to 2011	Elected not to take a Government Position

### **CHAIRMAN:**

1990 to 2002	Water Authority
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### **COMMITTEES OF TYNWALD:**

1985 to 1986	Trade Union Legislation
1987 to 1986	Petition for Redress
1987 to 1981	Ecclesiastical
1987 to 1989	Drug Abuse
1995 to 1996	Tynwald Ceremony
1998 to 1999	Ministerial Government
1999 to 2002	Tynwald Honours
2001 to 2006	Public Accounts Committee
2007 to Present	Tynwald Honours





**House of Keys General Election  
Thursday 29 September 2011**



**Liberal Vannin Party**

**National Manifesto**

*Bringing politics back to the people*

## Liberal Vannin Manifesto

Dear Voter

I am pleased to present the Liberal Vannin Party Manifesto which has been developed by our Party in recent years as the problems with our Government have been getting worse.

I am delighted that we are contesting nine constituencies in this election and in my constituency of Onchan I am joined by Zac Hall making the number of Liberal Vannin candidates ten in all.

I have been engaged in politics on the Island for over 30 years and I am delighted with the values, skills, and experience of all the Liberal Vannin candidates. With your support, we can face the national challenges head-on, bring about democratic reform and protect our prosperous and caring society.

Each of our candidates has developed a manifesto to reflect the interests and challenges of their particular constituency. But at this election we have all been surprised, and pleased, that most voters are much more concerned about national issues rather than the issues on their doorstep.

We have therefore developed this manifesto to address the national issues that are country is facing and I commend it to you.

Yours

*Peter Karran*

*Liberal Vannin Party Leader*

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## LIBERAL VANNIN PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

There is a widespread feeling of disappointment in our politicians: we need change. If the same politicians are elected it won't change - more of the same gets more of the same, and that isn't good enough for the Isle of Man.

A Liberal Vannin Government will get a grip on spending and international affairs, and involve the public with the difficult choices ahead to build on our success and secure our future.



## REFORM AT HOME AND CONFIDENCE ABROAD

### Enhance openness and increase scrutiny

- Introduce a Freedom of Information Act
- Appoint an independent Auditor General and an Ombudsman
- Remove Government from selection of judiciary
- Reduce the number of departmental political members to nine

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*90% think prospective Chief Ministers should take part in public debate*

**Manx People Power  
2011**

### Reduce the cost of politicians

- Require all members of Tynwald to contribute to their pensions
- Eliminate fixed annual sum for expenses
- Abolish the supplement to Tynwald members salaries for membership of departments and statutory boards

### Reform the process of selecting the Chief Minister

- Have an open Tynwald Ballot for Chief Minister
- Require all candidate Chief Ministers to publish a national policy programme before a general election

### Improve democratic representation

- Redraw constituencies for the House of Keys to provide equal representation for all voters
- Arrange national elections for Legislative Council

### Act more self-confidently abroad

- Exercise greater control of Government revenue by investigating repeal of VAT revenue sharing
- Negotiate better reciprocal arrangements and extend the Island's international relationships

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*54% of residents considered VAT issues, unemployment, cost of living and government deficit as the most important issues facing the new government*

**LV Research  
2011**

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## SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH

A Liberal Vannin Government will work with the private sector to sustain growth and maintain confidence and investment - despite the constrained government finances.

### Finance sector, diversification and innovation



- Continue to develop regulation and tax policy to enable the finance sector to flourish
- Open discussions to join the European Free Trade Assoc. that our Island left when the UK joined the EU
- Address issues arising from the possible abrogation from the UK revenue sharing agreement
- Create business parks in north, west and south
- Promote the Island's business abroad by involving both the Lieutenant Governor and the business community
- Refund VAT on start-up expenses, encourage industry clusters and promote the Island as a location to hold intellectual property

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*.....the Airport Director and Minister stated recently that if the airport were run on commercial lines annual cost savings of £2 million could be made*

IOM Newspaper  
July 2010

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*23% of people surveyed believed that the IOM should increase recycling & reduce waste*

LV Survey 2011

### Island's strategic lifelines

- Explore the development of a privately funded deep sea linkspan to encourage competition in sea freight and transport and attract cruise liners
- Secure London City and other UK landing slots
- Provide ownership and financing opportunities to Manx residents for all strategic lifelines

### Leisure, food, energy and environment policy

- Cooperate with the private sector and community to provide facilities for residents and tourists of all ages
- End the Countryside Care Scheme and provide incentives to farmers to produce more high quality food
- Encourage our farmers to be part of the first Island Nation to be an organic and compassionate food producer
- Manage the forests for biomass fuel
- Increase the energy efficiency of all buildings
- Require MEA to pay a reasonable rate for micro generated electricity
- Increase recycling by joining up waste management initiatives

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## REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT WASTE

LVP does not believe in privatisation but will encourage Manx residents to be minority participants in the financing of our infrastructure and our strategic lifelines.

### Create culture change

- Appoint a political member to the Chief Minister's Office who is responsible for government culture change to improve quality and reduce costs
- Create a Tynwald committee to advise on priorities for delivery of services by reference to 2006 Scope and Structure of Government recommendations
- Avoid redundancies in the public sector by redeploying personnel
- Contract out some services and corporatise some operations

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*"An annual review of basic expenditure and activity (BEAR) is in place which is no longer fit for purpose....."*

**Report by the Standing Committee of Tynwald on Public Accounts 2011**

### Maintain competitive tax rates

- Set up a Tax and Welfare Commission to review the present regimes to ensure the Island can fund welfare provision without making our tax rates and national insurance rates uncompetitive
- Close existing public sector pension schemes to new entrants
- Ensure government expenditure is less than government income by the 2014/15 financial year

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*Why does the MEA sell electrical goods when it makes a loss doing it?*

### Performance improvement

- Act on 2011 recommendations of Public Accounts and MEA Select Committees addressing inadequate financial management and budgeting in Government
- Reduce expenditure on external consultants by empowering Government managerial and technical staff to make decisions
- Empower all members of the public sector to identify and implement service improvements
- Only approve capital projects following review of published cost benefit analysis
- Create a level playing field when comparing private sector bids public sector costs



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## OUR CARING SOCIETY

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*"..... on average  
Manx children have  
more than two  
decayed, filled or  
missing teeth by the  
time they are five"*

Dept of Health  
August 2011

### Health care

- Protect the front line staff and services
- Introduce benchmarking by specialty involving lay members who report to the Minister
- Develop a website listing consultants, their qualifications and waiting times
- Establish independent auditing and encourage the formation of a Patients' Association
- Promote the Island as a destination of choice for specialist health care by attracting world class specialists to base their business on the Island
- Implement adequate safeguards for the Liverpool Care Pathway and the "do not resuscitate" policy
- Set up a working party to develop an effective first class dental health care policy and system

### Social care

- Assist our elderly to remain in their own homes and retain their independence
- Review residential and nursing homes legislation
- Broaden and make public the results of independent inspection procedures
- Investigate the provision of financial assistance to family members for caring for elderly relatives
- Introduce a system of direct payments allowing the elderly and disabled to retain more control of their lives
- Introduce measures to address the financial problems of an aging population
- Implement an independent audit of social care
- Introduce a committee of lay members to improve the effectiveness of the service
- Bring into force the Disability Discrimination Act



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*"....I am delighted to  
add my personal  
endorsement to the  
LVP's determined  
strategy towards the  
welfare and  
wellbeing of our  
Manx Service  
men and women*

Charles Wilson  
Honorary Colonel

### Military covenant

- The Minister for Social Care will have responsibility for Manx Service personnel and Veterans, seeking to put into Manx Law a Military Covenant defining our duty of care to all past and present Manx Service personnel

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## OUR CARING SOCIETY

### Education and Training

- Protect front line teaching
- Empower parents to select preschool education by the introduction of a voucher system
- Emphasise aspiration and achievement and teach all our young people about civic duty and responsibility
- Encourage more apprenticeships by positive discrimination for those who provide them in the tendering process for public contracts
- Provide work experience for those out of employment and training for more than 6 months
- Help the long term unemployed get back to work by introducing incentives for employers
- Protect the grants system for qualified students and reintroduce tax relief for educational covenant

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*57% of Full Time Equivalent staff employed in relation to schools are not teachers*

**Hansard data  
February 2011**

### Housing

- Introduce a protected housing scheme to enable Manx residents to buy new houses for homes rather than investment purposes
- Encourage those in social housing to participate in our property owning democracy by the introduction of joint equity schemes
- Introduce a landlord accreditation scheme to improve the quality of the rental sector



### Immigration

- Improve the work permit regime
- Consider bringing into force the 2001 Residency Act
- Review the application of the June 2011 points based Immigration Rules

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*Housing availability & affordability for first time buyers were the most frequently raised concern by those under 25*

### Pensions and Benefits

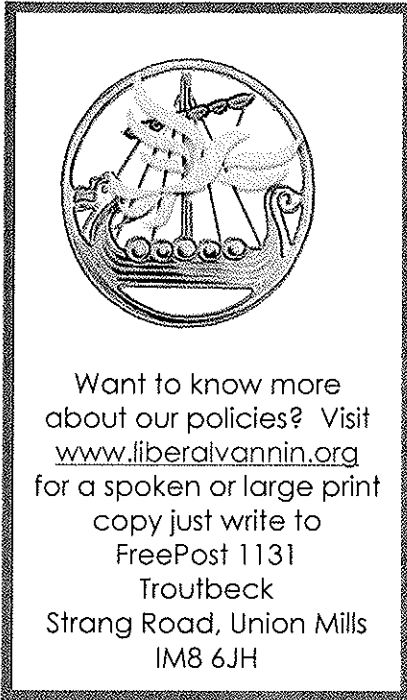
- Investigate and prosecute cheats
- Monitor the changing UK National Insurance and basic state pension regimes and then review the Manx system recognising the importance of residence in the Island and contribution to the system

**LVP research 2011**

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## You & Liberal Vannin

Spend your vote wisely and vote for the only team committed to:

**Reform the political system**

**Reduce government cost and waste**

**Support the private sector to sustain economic growth**

**Provide efficient world-class health and education for all**

**Protect housing for locals**

**Provide better government, better scrutiny and a Freedom of Information Act**

### Meet the Liberal Vannin Party Team



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