

**PAG Public Meeting 'Towards Smaller, Smarter Government'**

**A talk by**

**Chris Robertshaw MHK**

**7.30pm Monday 28th September 2015**

**Manx Legion Club. Market Hill, Douglas**

**- FREE ADMISSION, ALL WELCOME -**



Douglas East MHK, Chris Robertshaw, resigned from his role of Policy and Reform Minister earlier this year over the resistance to fundamental change in government.

He is passionate about slimming down the traditional structures and systems in order to cut costs at all levels.

The phrase 'silo thinking' to which Chris often refers has become accepted as part of our local political jargon.

After only 3 months as a Minister in 2011 he told his CoMin colleagues "Do you know, guys, this is dysfunctional, this does not work."

Despite a reduction to 7 Departments early in 2014 he has stated "I think actually we probably need about three Departments plus Treasury."

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In order to achieve such change, albeit over a number of years, it will be necessary to adopt the concepts of government as a single legal entity and digital inclusion. These are essential elements in striving to attain a fit-for-purpose public sector in the future.

Not afraid of controversy Mr Robertshaw has given early notice that he is going to contest his seat in the 2016 General Election.

His ideas are always well worth hearing. PAG is delighted that he has agreed to kick off this critical political year with the controversial and far reaching topic of smaller smarter government.

Everyone is welcome to attend - you don't have to be a PAG member.  
Come along and hear stimulating political ideas and challenge them after the presentation!

PAG public meetings are also scheduled for October 26th and November 30th.

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