

James Cochrane

The manifesto in two minutes

On the ballot paper: **Julian Andrew James Cochrane**

An Island our children are proud of, and choose to come home to.

I'm standing because for years the Island's plan has been to make one sector very wealthy and bend everything else to support it. Costs rose for everyone, and most of us are poorer for it. Here is what I'd do about it, in two minutes. The full booklet is at www.cochrane.im/manifesto.

WHAT I'D DO

- **Economy.** Back the things we can do at a competitive price from here, and get ferries, flights, parcels, electricity and broadband close to UK prices. We can't devalue our way out, so our own costs have to come down, for households as much as for business.
- **Housing.** Homes first. One- and two-bed starter homes for first-time buyers; help-to-buy built for buying together; the 5,695 empty homes brought back; the landlord register made compulsory.
- **Government.** Own it, show it. One set of rules for projects and money; Chief Officers legally answerable; freeze back-office hiring now; accounts you don't need an accountant to read; whistleblowers protected.
- **Health.** Stop reviewing, start doing. Fix the flow before adding beds; discharge sped up, with the care plan confirmed and funding settled after; published care pathways; bowel screening from 50, not 60.
- **Later life.** Growing old disgracefully. Care at home treated as care, not a savings plan; a fairer deal for the Hospice; an honest, grown-up conversation about how we pay for later life.
- **Education.** Kindness and community on the curriculum. PSHE that counts in every school; every child into a club or activity; critical thinking as the core skill; apprenticeships tied to the homes we build.

THE THINGS YOU CAN HOLD ME TO

- ✓ A surgery every week: Santon, Braddan, Ballafletcher and Marown, in turn.
- ✓ A non-judgemental ear, on your side.
- ✓ Supportive, not antagonistic. Present, not absent.
- ✓ Advocacy and challenge, backed by data and delivery experience.
- ✓ My own analysis on the critical issues, published, and open to challenge.
- ✓ A public corrections log: when I'm wrong, I say so.

Polling day is Thursday 24 September. If this is the kind of representation you want, I'd be grateful for one of your two votes.

SHOW THE WORKING · TRACK THE PROMISES · SAY WHEN I'M WRONG

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The full manifesto, an accessible PDF, large print, EPUB and a page-turning version are all at www.cochrane.im/manifesto.