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

## I stand for evidence-based decision making — data, analysis and follow-through, not another round of reviews.

Headlines only; working proposals. The detail behind every line is at [cochrane.im](https://cochrane.im) — pull them apart and tell me where I'm wrong.

### ECONOMY · Steadying the ship, then open water

#### Tackle the cost of living where Government can genuinely move it.

Grow and diversify the private sector — it's our sustainable income for health, care and education.

#### Manage the deficit steadily. No panic, no excuses.

Air, sea and digital connections that keep us in business.

#### Constructive with the UK and Europe.

You can't manage what you don't measure.

### HEALTH · Keeping the crew fit

#### Ten reviews, barely any progress reported. Track every action to closure.

Let GPs be GPs — and connect GP and hospital data now.

#### Specialists networked: digital, visiting, travel only when truly needed.

Prevention first — including earlier cancer screening.

#### More care in local communities. Care arranged first, funding sorted after.

Fund the Hospice properly.

#### Manx Care at arm's length, its leadership pulling one way.

Growing older well — a conversation the Island needs to start.

### ENERGY · Lights on, options open

#### Net Zero yes. The 2030 electricity deadline no.

Spend now on what we're guaranteed to need — an interconnector. Everything else: options open.

#### Power and fibre together — energy security, and a tech industry to build on.

Plan in public — before commercial firms are at the table.

### HOUSING · Building the community of the future

#### More first-time buyer homes.

Single-person homes that make downsizing attractive.

#### Switch on the landlords list — the law has waited since 2021.

Braddan Woods: what was promised, built — and tracked in public.

#### 5,700 homes counted vacant. Publish the breakdown.

### EDUCATION · The skills of tomorrow

#### Fix today's skills shortages. Fund the skills of tomorrow.

Apprenticeships tied to the homes we build.

#### Grow our own clinicians and carers — a Manx route into clinical and care careers.

Retrain the older generation into care: mental health, rehabilitation, advocacy.

#### Mandatory PSHE that counts: relationship skills, and understanding different ways of thinking.

### WORK & MIGRATION · Measured, then managed

#### Measure unemployment, underemployment and migration — then manage them.

ID and advance passenger checks now — don't wait for the broader package.

### GOVERNMENT · Running a tighter ship

#### Do less, better.

Public-private projects with entrepreneurial edge.

#### Bring back the headcount cap.

Be honest about the shortfall — borrowing included.

### CHANGING THE SYSTEM · How decisions get made

#### Policies tested, coherent, consistent — not horse-traded away before Cabinet.

Speak and vote with conscience, not with a bloc.

### LOCAL ISSUES · Closer to home

#### Communities built around health, mental health and the right housing.

A real route out of social dependence.

### HOLD ME TO

#### A surgery every week — Santon, Braddan, Ballafletcher and Marown, in turn.

A non-judgemental ear, on your side.

#### Advocacy and challenge, backed by data and delivery experience.

Supportive, not antagonistic. Present, not absent.

#### Working shown, promises tracked, votes explained — and saying when I'm wrong.

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