

Each of the Liberal Vannin candidates in the 2021 general election have agreed to argue for the following core policy objectives to be part of the next administration's Programme for Government:

## Jobs

Government should help create the environment to:

- Enable businesses to thrive and ensure everyone has the opportunity for a secure job that works for them;
- Attract inward investment to grow businesses and provide a range of well-paid jobs;
- Transition to a Living Wage Island, ensuring no-one is paid below the Living Wage by the end of the next administration and supporting small businesses as we make this change;
- Enable the transition to a greener, sustainable economy, while protecting our rural and marine sectors;
- Reform employment law to better support families through modern practices such as flexible working and shared parental leave;
- Continue to support businesses and workers until the Island recovers fully from the covid pandemic, enabling business to bounce back stronger and better.

## Fairness

However we engage with government, everyone deserves to be treated fairly - whether it's when we pay our taxes, or when we need to access support or government services like healthcare or education.

Our priorities will be:

- Tackling the housing crisis through developing an all-Island housing strategy that delivers on suitable, sustainable and affordable homes for renters or owners – at every stage of life;
- Ensuring education services, from pre-school to postgraduate and vocational education deliver for all students and deliver appropriate provision for students with additional needs;
- Reforming our welfare system to ensure that no one is pushed into poverty, and working to reduce the cost of living on the Island;
- Upgrading our National Health Service into a National Health and Care Service, reducing waiting lists and looking after us all throughout our lives.

# Party Manifesto



## Open Government

Better decisions are made when we can all have an informed open discussion, when information is shared and when our representatives are held accountable for decisions they make. We will work for a government committed to:

- Answering 'Freedom of Information' requests promptly and comprehensively as the default position;
- 'Open Data', ensuring government information is available to the public as a matter of course;
- Bringing more transparency to the budget process, so changes to fees and charges are not hidden away out of sight;
- Ensuring government is held accountable for delivering on time and on budget;
- Supporting and protecting whistle-blowers who bring to light failings in government systems and actions;
- Representatives accepting responsibility for their actions and owning up to mistakes;
- Not hiding behind commercial confidentiality excuses when reporting on the details of government contracts. It is our money that is being spent; we have a right to know that it is being spent wisely and effectively.

## Freedom

We will support policy and legislation that gives us more freedom over our lives, whilst protecting the Island through appropriate regulation and no unnecessary red tape. We stand for:

- Freedom from discrimination;
- Freedom to have a meaningful work / life balance;
- Freedom from cruelty and mistreatment for our companion animals;
- Freedom to choose to have care provided in our own homes in later life;
- Freedom to choose our own path in life through ensuring equal opportunities to access lifelong education and skills training, supporting sustainable and secure employment.