

2026 House of Keys General Election



Paul Weatherall for Ayre & Michael

Today, Monday, May 18th, I am pleased to announce that I will again be standing as a Liberal Vannin candidate for one of the two MHKs to represent Ayre & Michael in the House of Keys.

Since I stood in the last election, many of the issues we faced then are still unresolved. We have had five years of dither and indecision from the current administration.

The lack of affordable homes for rent and purchase is perhaps the most obvious example. Liberal Vannin MHKs will press for an immediate commitment to allocate £100 million over the next five years to allow housing authorities to build the social housing we need.

As a Ballaugh Parish Commissioner, I am very aware of the disregard central government often shows to local authorities. A thorough overhaul of how local services are delivered, managed and financed is long overdue, but this administration hasn't seen this as a priority. Taking over two years to resolve the management of the Northern Civic Amenity Site at Balladoole is not good enough and still leaves Bride and other authorities unhappy with the way in which it has been handled.

My priority as an MHK will be to keep you informed about government decisions that affect you, and how and why those decisions have been taken. Openness and transparency have not come naturally to the current administration. Commercial confidentiality should not be an excuse to hide behind when people are concerned about how our money is being spent by government.

I am standing as a candidate for the Liberal Vannin Party, because I have a lifelong commitment to the principles of liberal democracy as outlined on our website at:

<https://liberalvannin.im/about/>

We will be putting out a joint manifesto focusing on developing the Island's economy, housing, and health and social care. Electing candidates who have an agreed programme for government before the election gives voters clear choices as to how they want to see the Island progress over the next 5 years.



Over the coming weeks until the election on September 24th, I will be letting you know where I stand on the concerns that you have. They will build upon my 2021 election manifesto, which you can find at:

<https://liberalvannin.im/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Election-manifesto-final-1.pdf>

In the meantime, please contact me if you would like to meet for a chat, or if you would like to help in my campaign.

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