

Sean for Senator

**Sensible
Competent
Reliable
Experienced
Perceptive**



I have served three terms now and the last two Councils of Ministers have disappointed me.

Many have only talked about population and migration control, the ageing population, strengthening and diversifying the economy and balancing Jersey's budget. I believe there is another way.

In this leaflet you will find out about my views on issues that I am passionate about, and if elected, I will reflect these in my actions.



**VOTE Sean for
Senator**

Why Senator?

I have been privileged to have served St. Brelade as a Deputy and as a States member for nine years. During this time, I have learnt a lot.

My positions of responsibility have included Chair of the Planning Applications Panel, Assistant Minister and Minister at the Housing Department.

I work closely with the community to ensure the priorities and views of Islanders are represented and are at the heart of what I vote for.

I have a strong work ethic. I get things done.

My promises continue to be:

- Serving the public and those who elect me
- Voting independently: I have a track record of being a strong independent voice in the Chamber, both in speaking and voting
- Examining and challenging the Council of Ministers and bringing them to account
- Cutting spending and balancing the books of our Island
- Making difficult decisions: The public elect us to make tough decisions. Sometimes these are difficult and very unpopular. I am not afraid of these.

Our Island

The Government

Our democracy is being undermined at times with remote and unaccountable elites making the key decisions that affect our lives. At the other end of the Jersey political spectrum is another group that fails to understand that in order to distribute wealth to those less fortunate, one has to create it first. Jersey’s future depends on the decisions of our States members. Those that are chosen to lead and represent the Island need to be competent and the assembly needs to operate more effectively. When making strategic decisions such as planning, housing, population and migration, I believe we should have an Island wide mandate.

There are still too many examples of inefficiencies in the public sector, such as duplication in financial accounting or administration. The structure of our government needs to be reviewed to ensure we are cost efficient and are delivering on policies. We must also launch another sweeping effort to root out waste and unnecessary spending.

Population and Migration

Population and migration control are great issues we face. Population is expanding rapidly; figures illustrate we have an excess of births over deaths by over 300 per year. The permitted expansion of the population by 150 heads a year is causing the Island another population spike.

We have shown a complete inability to deal with a recent net inward migration population that is not expanding our economy. The complex area of the cash-in-hand and grey economy is compounded by a serious lack of enforcement. Shortly, this responsibility will move to Social Security. My demands on the requirement to move control of population and migration out of any department that drives our economy have finally been answered.

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Our Economy

Jersey is still in recession and no amount of optimism from certain States Departments is going to position this any other way. The government is spending more money than is coming in and we have a forecasted deficit of over £90 million in just three years time.

Middle income Jersey, the hard working Islanders are the ones who are struggling and according to Treasury and the Council of Ministers, the prospect of more tax for them is inevitable.

I disagree. I believe that we cannot extract any more cash or tax from our weak economy. Nor should the shortfall be funded by raiding existing deposits or tapping the States owned public utilities and trading companies.

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Why Me?

There is a frightening inertia in the States system. My experience of the past nine years will enable me to cut through some of this and make changes possible.

As an established States member, I am proud of my voting record and my independence.

I believe that being elected a Senator will give me a stronger voice to change the way we do things and do business.

Like most people in life, I have made mistakes and I have learned from them. I am better equipped now more than ever to take on further responsibility for the Island I love and respect.

States of Jersey Roles

- Parish of St. Brelade constituency work
- Chair of Planning Applications Panel
- Assistant Housing Minister and Housing Minister
- Various Scrutiny Panels including Health, Social Security and Environment
- States appointed member of the Jersey Community Relations Trust

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Planning

Planning is work that many colleagues dislike. Decisions are sometimes difficult and unpopular.

Up to 50 years ago, Jersey was a free for all with no framework. Properties built now come through the planning process with a democratic framework law.

From next year, all major decisions will be made by a newly formed committee, with the members elected by the assembly. I believe the planning panel has done a good job for the past nine years and it is work I would like to continue to be involved with.

Housing

The traditional role of Housing Minister has gone, with the public owned stock of housing controlled by a private company and political responsibility resting with the Chief Minister.

There is an immense amount of work to be done in the area of social and affordable housing. The structure of the current housing market presents a major issue and needs government involvement.

Political oversight should be specific on how we deliver on affordable housing for young couples, families and those on low incomes. Specific political responsibility must have high priority. It is a hugely important role, as important as planning. I am determined to make a contribution in this area.

Our Community

I am passionate about community matters.

I believe our Island can provide practical as well as emotional support to those who need it. Community living changes lives for the better and sets people up to become useful members of society. I have tried to lead in this area by working with charities I am involved in, and by relating to those affected by discussing own personal issues that I have dealt with.

So how can we encourage future growth?

Our Island’s prosperity is vital, and although the finance industry is of great importance to our success, we must not rely on it alone. We need to consider our long term strategy and be inventive once again. We must enable diversification and the development of the digital economy.

- **Make it easier to set up and be in business**
- **Revise tax policy for Jersey trading companies and define separation of those in finance and those outside**
- **Encourage research and development into our limitless wind and tidal energy**
- **Bring back event led tourism**
- **Invest in sporting excellence and encourage inward investment**
- **Promote our rich culture and history**

Charitable Contributions

- Vice Chairman and co-founder of Caring Hands and Sanctuary Trust, who provide a refuge for men and assistance for the elderly and infirm
- Chairman of Stepping Stones, a community living model for men recovering from alcoholism and other problems
- Committee member of Maison St. Brelade care home
- Vice President of the Jersey Society for the Protection of Animals (JSPCA)
- Volunteer of Mustard Seed, overseas relief aid charity

Clubs and Associations

St. Brelade Twinning Association with Granville, St. Brelade Battle of Flowers Association, St. Brelade Bay Boat Owners Association, Royal Channel Island Yacht Club, Société Jersiaise, National Trust for Jersey, Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Citroen Car Club, 2CVGB, Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club, Jersey Classic Vehicle Club.

Any Questions?

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