

Please Vote For

# TONY WEBBER

For St. Sampson Deputy 2016



## “Some of the Issues I will work hard for:”

- **Bring in Island Wide Voting**
- **Introduce the right to have a Referendum**
- **Stop wasting millions on outside consultants**
- **Call to account those responsible for bad decisions**
- **Keep Free Parking, No to Paid Parking**
- **No to Refugees/ Migrants in Guernsey**  
**Yes to helping rebuild their countries**
- **Education- stability, selection and four secondary schools**
- **Fair treatment on Pensions**
- **Full Freedom of information**
- **Transparent, Open, Accountable Government**
- **Waste strategy- No more delay**
- **Well managed Economy and Fairer Society**
- **More reliable and fairly priced Aurigny and Condor travel**
- **Give young people a stake and future in their Island**
- **Renew Reciprocal Health Agreement**

**WEBBER, ANTHONY DAVID CANIVET**

(Commonly known as Tony)

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## Fellow Elector, I offer a fresh voice, with sound political experience.

**Please vote for me and I will strive for:  
A Stronger Economy, A more caring society,  
A more capable government,  
A Guernsey to be proud of  
A States which stands up for you and the Island.**

**It is time to give Guernsey better government and better representation.**

I was privileged to be elected to serve the people of our Island from 1991 to 2004 as a People's Deputy and as the last Island wide Conseiller. My contribution and commitment was wholehearted, with close to a 100% attendance record throughout those 13 years. I am committed to serving the interests of our Island to the very best of my abilities.



My political experience means I can get straight down to some hard work for you now.

I will put real effort into ensuring Guernsey has a future we can have confidence in, especially for our children and grandchildren.

I will also strive for a revitalised St. Sampson.

I will play my part in offering clear and astute leadership which is vital to carry us forward successfully. **I will work with all States Members for the best interests of our Island.**

## “Why I will very effectively represent you.”

**I will put my many years previous experience as Deputy and then later as an Island wide Conseiller, to serve your best interests.**

My track record on speaking up for the Island and its people is a matter of public record.

If elected as a States Member I will attend Parish surgeries and organise public meetings. I will be listening and accountable as I was throughout my times as a States Member. I am a very approachable person who is always happy to take up issues on behalf of individuals. **I will serve with dedication and humility.**

**My aim is for you to be proud of me as one of your representatives.**

**MY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WILL MAKE ME A BETTER REPRESENTATIVE.**

I am a Guernseyman, educated at Elizabeth College, with a degree and professional qualifications.

I currently run my own business. I have many years' broad business financial experience, in both Guernsey and the UK. This includes setting up a very successful major financial services operation in Guernsey over a ten year period. Companies I have worked for include Mars, Procter and Gamble, Guinness and NM Rothschild.

I have engaged in charitable work and was asked to be the **founding Chairman of Hope for Guernsey** for a very successful 3 year period. I am a member of a number of professional bodies, including the Institute of Directors, the Chartered Insurance Institute, and the Chamber of Commerce. I have represented the Island at sport and was a past vice president of the Guernsey Sports Council and the Hockey Club. I was for some years, the official Hockey correspondent for the Guernsey Press. I was a member of the original Save St James Committee. I am a firm supporter of theatre and the arts. I had the position of Chairman of the former Guernsey Environmental Council, the co-ordinating body for Island environmental organisation.

We need the right balance between the old and new for Guernsey. Our States need to be more genuine and make relevant decisions for the future of our Island.



## “I offer a new political approach.”

**I have been concerned about the direction our government has been going. I feel that I can make a real difference to help put things right for the future of Guernsey.**

The over spends, the lack of attention to detail, the poor accountability, the failure to deliver on key areas of policy, the cutting of essential services without thought for the consequences, are just some of the many areas of concern. **They show the need to have fresh thinking in our States.**

The Financial Transformation Programme, (FTP) was a disaster with highly paid outside consultants being paid millions for achieving little which we couldn't of done ourselves and resulted in increases in charges and reduced services. This happened after a large number of Deputies had promised at the election to cut down on outside consultants!

The blunders of wasting the public's money on failed court actions and other mistakes can only end by calling to account those responsible.

The States decision to borrow £330 million through a Bond and to pay £14.7million in set up charges is not a very responsible way of managing the finances of our Island. We must end the feeling that the States has deaf ears to the concerns of the people of our Island. I am committed to bringing about a listening States. I believe in the States engaging with

the public, and acting on that feedback rather than ignoring it. We urgently need policies which will work and genuinely have value for all, in the future. During my time in the States I fought hard for the formation of the Scrutiny and Public Accounts Committees, but their work has been a major disappointment.

**My objective is to bring in proper scrutiny and this could save us millions of pounds.**

What is lacking is scrutinising the work of all States Departments, as is done in other jurisdictions. Here is an area where investment in additional resources will potentially save millions of pounds.

**The wastage of public money by the States must end.**

My proven experience in saving taxpayers money has been demonstrated on many occasions when I was previously a States Member.

**WE MUST GIVE BETTER BENEFIT AND VALUE TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

**It is time for change. Time for improvement. Time for politicians to respect and listen to the community. Time for the Island and its people to be put first.**

Time for a democratic government which is strong, stable, sensible and representative. I am committed to constantly look at ways of improving how our Island is governed.

## WE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFERENDA ON IMPORTANT ISSUES

In 2002, I proposed an amendment which the States passed overwhelmingly, to bring in the legal mechanism so the voters of Guernsey would have the legitimate right to vote in a Referenda on important issues. This is a right Jersey, the UK and most civilized parts of the world enjoy. The States Policy Council have not proceeded with this, **the appalling result is that we still do not have this basic democratic right fourteen years after my resolution was passed!** We simply cannot allow a small number of old guard States Members to hold back legislation and arrogantly assume they know best.

I also believe that as we are affected by the UK being in the EU, and our protocol no. 3 agreement is subject to the referendum result, that we should join Gibraltar and the UK in having a say on the EU membership issue. I also believe we need to look after our own interests better in the international arena, and we need strong leadership for this.

## FULL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NEEDED

The States fudged bringing in a full Freedom of

Information Act. This is what is needed in our Bailiwick if we are to be a free society where the Government, its public servants and the politicians have their decisions open to scrutiny and accountability. Transparency is vital to good, open and democratic government.

## ISLAND WIDE VOTING BRING IN MORE DEMOCRACY

I was the last politician to be elected island wide by the people of Guernsey and Alderney as a Bailiwick Conseiller. The States recently rejected Island-wide representation, which was a betrayal of many Deputies' assurances given at the last election. Please be wary of those who say they support IWV, but only a system that works, and then vote against it. I support having all states members on a Island wide basis and this system **does** work. I am totally committed to ensuring that electors can choose **all** of their States Members, and not just some of them.

## CROWN DEPENDENCY

We have an important constitutional position as a Crown Dependency which is constantly evolving. It is time that we had our say in the national UK Parliament on Foreign Affairs, Defence and other matters which concern us, rather than have other people deciding these things for us.

**“Time for others to have less say in our affairs and for us to have more say.”**

## I OFFER EXPERIENCE IN FORMULATING STATES ECONOMIC POLICY.

I was a Member of the Income Tax Authority for 6 years until 2004. We then had a stable government and economy which people had confidence in. Now that has changed and we need to make efforts to create a secure and broadly based economy. The politicians seem to have become remote from the fact that many people are finding it more difficult to manage financially. There have been many rises in costs of essential items and the perception is that those taking the pain are those at the lower end of the scale and not those higher up, particularly those in authority.

**There is the perception that people are being asked to put more in and get less back from the States.**

We must end the them and us situation which our current States has got us into. I commit to economic policies which take into account the interests of all in our community, and not just those who are better off. I will work for a more diversified and vibrant economy.

It is also imperative to have States Members who have the ability to react to UK and world affairs, so that our economy's future is safeguarded. I offer a safe, sound and secure economic policy. I disapproved of bringing in the zero-ten tax strategy a year earlier than we needed to and this mistake cost us approximately £100 million in corporate tax revenue. **I disapprove of the TRP tax, especially the recent increases.** The management of our economy is extremely important and having the right economic and tax policy is fundamental to our future. I have proven experience of being at the front end of informed taxation and economic policy making and such experience is so vital in the uncertain future we have ahead of us.

## POPULATION

I have concerns about the new laws on population and they need changing. We still need to find the right balance of being fair to local people yet allowing some flexibility to newcomers to Guernsey. The States will need Deputies of ingenuity who can succeed in the population challenge: There are ways of enhancing our economy whilst at the same time keeping control of the population. I commit to doing my very best to ensure the Local and Open Markets continue to benefit our community as effectively as possible.



## NO ASYLUM SEEKERS IN GUERNSEY

It was completely wrong for our Chief Minister to approach the UK government on taking Syrian refugees into Guernsey without any public consultation. I took this issue up most strongly both here and in Jersey and am relieved the decision has been not to take them. We have all seen what has happened in Europe with uncontrolled mass immigration.

I promise, that if elected, I will always be on guard to protect us against migrants being forced on us. I believe this responsibility for migrants and refugees should remain with the UK government, but I do support **Guernsey being compassionate with its overseas aid, as long as it genuinely helps people rebuild their countries.**

## “We need better co-operation with Jersey to make financial savings”

**Like many, I have enjoyed inter- insular rivalry in the sports, cultural and other arenas. However, on economic and political matters, we do need much more co-operation to safeguard our economic interests.**

I am used to Guernsey- Jersey co-operation, having worked for a financial services company with offices in both Islands, and also having been a Director of the Channel Islands Co-operative Society. I believe that there are potentially major savings to be made by the joint administration of some of our services. I first put these views forward in 2003, and since then we have had joint co-operation in the police, health, regulation and Civil Aviation fields, I am committed to more joint financial cost savings initiatives, whilst still protecting Guernsey's independence.

## IMPROVED AIR AND SEA LINKS

It is also time for action to be taken to improve the quality, reliability and pricing of our air and sea links, which are our lifeline. We need to examine how we use our States ownership of Aurigny to improve our interests. We have to be firm in our dealings with Condor and it was a mistake to grant them a ten year passenger and freight service agreement without deliverable service backup. I have always believed that the States of Guernsey and Jersey should either run or have a major stake in our vital main shipping links.

## Value for money public utilities and Commercialisation

As a former Member of the States Telecoms Board, I also worked hard to ensure the customers interests were allied to the communications need of our Bailiwick. I was totally opposed to the sale of this public asset at such a knock down price. I commit to ensuring that any further Commercialisation/ privatisation proposals are treated with the greatest of caution, that they are not pursued purely to give senior staff and Directors massive pay hikes, that the consumer always comes first, and **there is no further privatisation/selling of assets, particularly heritage sites, owned by the whole community.**

# “Putting people first.”

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITISATION

We must ensure that the The States Strategic Plan is properly co-ordinated and run so that we have effective economic management. It is time for priorities to be clearly costed and defined, and for policy to be fully accountable, rather than be delegated to policy groups, consultants and quangos. Sound financial management is vital to ensure we safeguard our essential projects and that they are within budget.

## NEW STATES STRUCTURE

The states will have to adapt to a new political structure. We have many excellent and valued civil servants, and whilst there is room for cost savings in some areas, there are some departments which are under funded and under resourced, for the effective delivery of public services.

## A UNITED GUERNSEY COMMUNITY AND EQUALITY

I have worked hard against divisive trends in our society, and believe that with the right leadership we can move forward as a united Guernsey with more fairness, equality and prosperity for all. It is time for more work on these issues, and also to obtain better facilities and treatment for those who are disadvantaged or disabled. I therefore support the aims of the Guernsey Disability Alliance.

## PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, CARING AND THE ELDERLY

**My record shows that I am interested in the welfare of all people and endeavor to help those who are genuinely poor and neglected.**

We need a new approach to how we deal with Social Security Department matters. A large proportion of our population live in relative poverty, and this is a change in our society that we need to address. Recent States decisions have also not recognized the need to not penalise those who want to work hard and better themselves.

It is time for more to be done to ensure the long term needs of the elderly are provided for, particularly those with debilitating illnesses. We are ahead of the UK in this area, but there has to be greater recognition that there is a demographic time bomb and we must plan accordingly. The Health and Social Services Department is improving its policies in enabling more elderly people to stay in their homes with the help of their families and States home care teams, and we must always strive to give the best possible care to our elderly. However, I have grave concerns that due to recent States decisions, we are going backwards in how we approach this important matter. **It is also most unfair to make people sell their homes to pay for elderly care when people have been making States insurance contributions for this objective.**

## HEALTH MATTERS

We have a good Health Service, but there are many areas for improvement, and unlike the UK, we do not have the choice of government funded Doctors and Dentists appointments, as we do with the Medical Specialists Group contract. The costs are difficult for many in our community, meaning that their health suffers. I believe in having a health service which is free at the point of use for all patients. We need to be mindful of the mental health problems in the island. It is concerning that the HSSD Ten Year Health Plan does not provide for the re-introducing of the **Reciprocal Health Agreement with the UK. If elected, bringing this about will be a major priority for me.**

HSSD have made some major policy blunders which have cost the taxpayer large sums of money. It is well known that Health is a major government expense but we cannot afford to have such wastage of money filtered away from serving the real health needs of our Island. There is no place in our HSSD for politicians and senior executives who are responsible for such poor decision making and mismanagement. **We need major investment in training local nurses and other key staff as the millions spent on Agency staff is unacceptable.**



# “Building a better Guernsey for our childrens future.”

**I am aware of the different and demanding needs of young people. Education is an investment for the future, and we do need to improve education for all ages, in all areas, at all levels.**

However, the recent long debate on education in our States was high-jacked and the result was confusion and uncertainty. It is a major priority for the new States to put right this instability and make firm decisions so parents and children know what our education system is for the future. I support having four secondary schools and a selection system. I believe we should aspire to make all our States schools of equal status in respect of high standard buildings, resources and teachers. With such a system, selection would automatically diminish eventually, but to rush the ending of selection is, I believe, irresponsible and taking chances with the future of education in Guernsey. I do not believe in replacing the scholarships with means tested bursaries as all children should be treated equally. I am well educated myself and am able to make a positive contribution to the development of education in our Island.

## **BETTER CHILDCARE NEEDED**

It is also time, to have effective financing of childcare, to enable more parents to more easily have the choice of returning to work after having children. Children are our future and it is important to place proper recognition on the important role families and parents play in their upbringing and development. **Free pre-school education funding, should match the 30 hours a week per child which is available in the UK.**

## **HOUSING CRISIS AND NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANNING**

Whilst some States and private housing development has been welcome, we do urgently need to do so much more to provide more less expensive housing in Guernsey. Just relying on social housing being provided through the Guernsey Housing Association is simply not sufficient. We need new initiatives such as the Right to Buy and the Help to Buy schemes, which are very successful in the



UK, as well as continued mortgage interest tax relief. I support changes in Planning legislation and improved decision making to bring in sensible and environmentally friendly adjustments, so that more flexible housing enhancements can take place. This particularly applies to being able to utilise redundant viney sites for light industry, storage, limited housing and other economic use. We have had too much of the rabbit hutch type of development and need more user friendly homes.

**Future developments need to be more evenly dispersed across the Island, rather than St. Sampson and the North. I want to protect the few green and open places in St. Sampson and enhance and invigorate the Parish. I support making more building plots available in selected rural areas to reduce the high costs of building plots.**

## **LAW AND ORDER**

I believe in protecting and enhancing the Island to make it a better place to live, work, shop and visit. It is time for safety and security. Time to protect our citizens from mindless vandalism, arson, violence and other criminal acts. Time to put more resources into resolving the drug problem to protect our society. Time to give full support to those combating child abuse so that this dreadful blight is eradicated. **Time, also, for our security to be strengthened against the threat of terrorism.**

## **SUPPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVED TRAFFIC AND PARKING**

I very much support a Waste Policy which is made up of prevention, re-use and re-cycling. I commit to ensuring that any shipping of waste off the Island is done as cost effectively as possible.

I believe that full sewage treatment is well overdue and we should not be pumping sewage waste out to sea. The current situation is dangerously unhealthy for swimmers and marine life which does untold damage to the reputation of our Island.

I support grants for energy efficient installations in homes and offices. I wish to encourage Renewable Energy projects.

## **I believe that Free parking is one of the unique aspects of our Island.**

Residents Parking permits were my idea when I was on the Traffic Committee. I have put forward my own proposals to improve the problems commuters have in finding parking spaces in town. I also will continue to campaign for bringing in a proper commuter bus service and to improve the school bus service so that it is open to all children. There is too much peak time car traffic by parents driving their children to and from school because there isn't an effective alternative. I am well known for my knowledge of public transport, having been Chairman of two successive bodies advocating better bus services. I believe in the carrot, not the stick approach, which the Environment Department has unfortunately used.

# **“Now is the time to make your voice heard.”**

## **WORKING HARD FOR YOU, WITH WISDOM AND INTEGRITY**

I will work hard for the electorate in a conscientious committed and responsible manner. I can be relied on, now and in the future, very important when you consider the major issues which are ahead of us. I am not afraid to speak out on important issues. I believe the community needs to be respected by its politicians. I believe that a States Member has a duty to listen and act on what the people say, and this will help bring new confidence in our government and a positive partnership between the States and our Island community.

I am trying to call on as many electors as possible. If you need to speak to me on any issue, please feel free to contact me at any time.

**Now is the time for enthusiasm, dedication and commitment, which I am able to offer. Now is the time to change for a positive, clear and constructive future.**

**Now is the time to make your voice heard. Time to stand up for Guernsey.**



**Anthony D C Webber,**  
BA, Cert.PFS, MIOD

## **YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

**Please do me the honour of giving me your valuable vote** and electing me as one of your six St. Sampson Deputies on polling day which is Wednesday 27th April 2016.

**Polling stations are the Chambre de la Douzaine, Le Murier and the Church School, Grande Maisons Road. You can vote between 10a.m and 8p.m.**

**Postal votes applications available from the States Offices.**

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