

A vote for Stewart is a vote for the Island

KEEP OUR SCHOOLS OPEN

The Tories believe in competition between schools for places no matter what the consequences.

At present there is a surplus of secondary places on the Island which needs careful management so that no school is affected too severely. Instead, Councillor Whitehouse, who speaks for the Conservatives here. has said, on the Conservative Home website, that “We are running nine sets of premises and senior leadership overhead costs when the number of pupils really only justifies about five”.

He supports Christ the King and the new Free school in Ventnor, which has been heavily subsidised by the Government to set up despite the surplus of places. His remarks suggest he doesn't mind if schools in Cowes, Ryde, Sandown and other schools in Newport go to the wall through this process of competition.

Labour believes that parents and pupils want to keep a secondary school in their town.

We do not want a Conservative controlled Whitehall to come in and impose their solution. This will limit choice for parents who want their children to go to Medina and Carisbrooke as only these schools remain in local authority control.

We believe in cooperation between schools to continue the improvements that are being made. A Labour Government will create locally accountable Directors of Education Standards who would monitor quality in all schools, free, academy or state controlled.

We will ensure that schools only use qualified teachers and help non-qualified teachers to gain their qualification.

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LABOUR AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Climate change is one of the most serious problems that we face, as recent extreme weather conditions demonstrate. It is also vital that we produce as much energy as possible at home and not depend on uncertain supplies from abroad.

The British Green Energy sector is already larger than our car industry and we have the potential to be a world leader in offshore, wind wave and tidal power, especially here on the Island with our natural advantages. Under the Coalition the number of firms and jobs in the industry has declined. Labour will ensure the Green Investment Bank has the power to get the sector moving again.

Houses in the UK are among the least energy efficient in Europe and the Government's Green Deal has been a flop. Labour would start an energy efficiency programme at the neighbourhood level , reverse the Coalition's policy of not requiring all new housing to be energy efficient and ensure landlords bring the houses they own up to standard.

About 5% of our energy is from renewable sources. In Norway it is 64% and even countries such as Portugal have achieved over 20%. Labour will set a target of all electricity from renewable sources by 2030. We oppose fracking on the Island as an uncertain and non-renewable form of energy.

Properly organised recycling can produce the raw materials for new industrial ventures. Under the Coalition the level of recycling in England has been stuck at 50%. In contrast the Scottish and Welsh Governments are working to 70%. Labour will set new targets on recycling and investigate why all waste for recycling materials are sent off the Island.

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The Isle of Wight is a great place to live with friendly people and community spirit. I know this from living and working here for over thirty eight years.

That is why we want **OUR YOUNG PEOPLE** to stay here and not be forced to leave because of lack of jobs. Labour believes in investment to create jobs through better apprenticeships, green technology, public transport and faster rural broadband. We will ensure that all young people under 25 who have been out of work for more than a year are guaranteed a job with good quality training.

That is why Labour believes that **PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH LOW WAGES** and zero hours contracts and forced into debt need a better deal. We will implement a living wage economy and tackle rising rents.

That is why Labour believes **OUR OLDER PEOPLE** need a secure NHS so that when things go wrong they get the best treatment in specialist hospitals. We reject Tory privatisation which means that private firms will cherry pick the services they want to run for profit and leave expensive treatment and the training of doctors and nurses to the NHS

THE CANDIDATE



Stewart really is your LOCAL candidate and has lived on the Island for 38 years, having moved from Scotland to take up a position as Head Chef in a Shanklin Hotel. It was here that he met his wife Margaret and they have two grown up children and live in Ventnor where Stewart is a Town Councillor and serves on the Public Buildings Works Committee. He has been Chair of the Ventnor Royal British Legion branch and is also a Vice President of Ventnor Rugby Club.

Stewart is a Hospitality professional with many years' experience managing hotels and teaching aspiring hospitality professionals in a leading college in Sussex.

Stewart is a passionate believer in education and still spends some time training young people and others via training schemes. He works with companies such as John Lewis who have excellent training schemes and continuing professional development for their young employees.

A Labour Government is committed to:-

- Freezing gas and electricity prices and forcing a reorganisation of the energy market that will keep down prices in the future.
- Changing rail franchises so that not for profit organisations can run services.
- Ensure landlords create three year secure tenancies for people in the private rented sector and without rents constantly being ratcheted up.
- Workers not being forced to take zero hours contracts. We will increase the minimum wage to £8 and ensure that all government contracts go to firms paying the living wage.