CANDIDATE COMMENTS

SENATORS

Martin Aliga

I must say that I am honoured to be asked to show my commitment to support JSC's Manifesto. I therefore pledge to consider every single point you have raised above accordingly. As far as I am concerned, sports or at least physical activity is indeed central to the wellbeing of everyone especially our Children and Young People.

When I read the quote in your preamble stating that "...sport is not a priority for the Government of Jersey." I was disappointed with such a finding. I can assure the JSC that if I became a Senator, I pledge to support every effort to make sports A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF JERSEY and everyone living in Jersey should not find sports too expensive to afford participation.

I do not, for the most part, consider any of your proposals above to be outside the realm of possibility. I would also like to point you to my manifesto which does make mention of sports with an entrepreneurial angle as a diversification of economy for both Jersey & African countries with amateur athletes that could be scouted and professionalised in Jersey using the international standard facilities here and then the same athletes easily scouted out of Jersey bringing better returns for Jersey as well as the supported athletes and their home African countries. I would be glad to receive your feedback on my pledge in my manifesto. You can visit my website and see my manifesto at: www.impaliga.com

Mark Boleat

Many thanks for documents which I will add to my pile of essential reading.

I am well aware of the importance of sport and the difficulty of securing a joined-up approach between departments. I regard sport as being very relevant to public health, education and island identity as well as being important in its own right.

Lyndon Farnham

Thank you for sharing the Jersey Sports Council's Manifesto for Sport and the Candidate Commitment.
I am pleased to confirm that, having reviewed the document, I am supportive of the direction of travel set out in your manifesto. I recognise the vital role that sport and physical activity play in supporting the health, wellbeing and cohesion of our community, as well as the wider social and economic benefits they bring to the Island.
As you may know, I have been a long-time supporter of sport and, sports tourism, throughout my time in the States, and I remain committed to strengthening its role within our community.
On that basis, I am content to indicate a "Yes" response to all 20 of the commitments, recognising that delivery will require careful planning, prioritisation, and affordability within the overall public finances.
In particular, I support:

- Greater recognition of sport as a strategic priority
- Investment in modern, accessible facilities

- Increased participation across all age groups and abilities
- Stronger partnership working between Government and the sector

I also agree that sport should be more clearly embedded within long-term infrastructure and health planning, ensuring that its full value is reflected in future policy decisions.
I confirm that I would support the broad direction and intent of this Manifesto for Sport and would work constructively with the Jersey Sports Council, Jersey Sport, clubs, associations and fellow elected members to turn these commitments into action where practicable.
Thanks again Ian, for your continued work in this area. I look forward to working constructively with the Jersey Sports Council in the future.

Ian Gorst

I have abstained on questions which may require substantial funding as they need to be prioritised in the usual budget process. I am supportive of multi-year budgets but again, that requires a Law change, which I support, but when I tried to change it in the last term. I didn't get sufficient support.

Serena Kersten

Naturally with my back ground I support a lot on this document but we must first reconnect and reframe the current GOJ mindset and ensure sports portfolio is sitting in the right place to have the impact we all desire. We must also think realistically strategically about what are the critical factors now and long-term and ensure the solutions to the major challenges are not just short term but are future proofing the islands sporting culture.

Mary le Hegarat

I am fully of sport and the positive impact it has on islanders having spent 25 years in Policing and working closely on Anti-Social behaviour with those involved in sport to find solutions. I have only abstained on the financial commitment as I have spent 2 years fighting for funding for 10 new locally recruited Police officers.

In relation to sports facilities, I am fully supportive of upgrading and getting new facilities however, again my difficulty with this is that we still have not funded a New Fire Station, Ambulance Station or the necessary programme for the Prison.

As you can appreciate there are a lot of challengers through the lack of funding for Infrastructure over at least 20-30 years and we will need to take some tough decisions on what will take priority.

Alan le Pavoux

Please find attached completed pledge. I worked within the sports division for a number of years and I am the chair of the Jersey Aquatic Rescue Club so have firsthand experience of both the challenges and impact sport has.

Steve Luce

I'm very happy to commit to considering all the questions you've asked. In particular I would want to focus on the sports/tourism angles, and the construction and maintenance of new and existing sports facilities. As regards Planning fees, as Minister I have always granted a 50% discount to registered Jersey charities but maybe we could look at extending this in the right circumstances.

Can I finish by saying how I really value the role that sport plays in Island life, and the contribution it makes to islander's health. It can, and does, do so much more than just "sport".

Thanks for all you do to promote this essential part of Jersey.

Sam Mezec

These are all eminently sensible propositions.

I just have to caveat my response to Part 3 to be clear that a 'Minister for Sport' would have to be through a dedicated member who served as Assistant Minister to both Infrastructure and Economic Development, rather than establishing it as a fully fledged ministry. Currently, government owned sports facilities are run through the Infrastructure portfolio, and separating them out to a new Sports portfolio would actually risk losing funding for their maintenance and management.
So it is important not to separate that out.
But instead, having as Assistant Minister with lines to both Infrastructure for the management of sports facilities, and Economic Development for the policy development, gets the best of both worlds there.

Helen Miles

Thank you for sending me the Jersey Sports Council's Manifesto for Sport. I attach my completed Candidate Commitment form.
I should mention, firstly, that I am an independent candidate, standing on my own manifesto which is available at HelenMiles.je. My manifesto includes a commitment to "Encourage participation in sport and other activities to promote greater community cohesion." Whilst I concur with much of what is included in the JSC Manifesto for Sport, I am not formally signing up to any other manifesto's during this election campaign.
That said, I recognise the significant value that sport plays in island life – be this in respect of improving our health and fitness, tackling loneliness, supporting improved community relations, and the economic benefits sport can have. Furthermore, hundreds of islanders enjoy the social side of sport as a part of their regular week, which again will bring many benefits to their lives. I also appreciate that Jersey has a history of developing elite level sporting talent, and that the benefit (especially for our young people) of producing these role models and ambassadors for Jersey is significant.
Last year, I am aware that the Sports Council arranged a taster event at Les Quennevais which I thought was a positive initiative. I hope this event will continue and grow in future years.
I believe that all your commitments are highly desirable and worthy of support. I am pleased to have answered "Yes" to fifteen out of the twenty. I have abstained only

where there is the potential requirement for significant additional funding. This is not because I do not support the ambition for increased funding in the respective areas, but because discussions will first need to take place to identify the source of the funding. In the sense that the commitment is to “consider” each point, I hope it goes without saying that issues such as those raised in the Manifesto for Sport should always be part of our considerations, and I make that commitment.
After a Fundamental Spending Review (which hasn’t taken place since 2017), I hope that we will be able to increase funding for sport development, travel costs, talent pathways, and elite performance. I also support multi-year funding plans to provide certainty. I recognise that connectivity, particularly with Guernsey, is an issue that impacts sport in particular, and I will support efforts to improve our travel links. In respect of facilities, I recognise that Les Quennevais Sports Centre needs to be re-built, and we should at least deliver a 3G pitch at Les Rocquier, as well as working with other sports to meet their needs. In doing so, we should encourage and work alongside private investment.
I hope this adds context to my response. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Elaine Millar

I do support the value of sport - while not an athlete by any means I have always been active and participated in sport until my mid-teens, which has established lifelong habits. Where my answers are not "yes" it is because, as a lawyer and the Treasury Minister, I simply cannot agree to something where I have no understanding of the potential cost and administrative burden - meeting 42 separate sports clubs, for example, seems like a huge (and expensive) ask when there is a representative body in existence. I am also not sure that Government actually can deliver some of the requests. I hope you will also understand that the Jersey Sports Council is only one of a number of representative bodies seeking similar commitments and I suspect it will be impossible for the next Government to give everyone what they want (while at the same time, reducing Government spending, which is what everyone also seems to want!).

So, my answer is "yes" to all questions, other than 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20, which are all "abstain" for the reasons set out above.

Bernard Place

Re Q 8 and 18 I would need to see more detail about a delivery plan and benefits realisation if resources of this size were invested. I would strongly support cross cutting work with the new Health and Care Jersey Partnership Board and the Island Of Longevity project.

CONSTABLES

Inna Gardiner

Thank you for your email and for sharing the Jersey Sports Council’s Manifesto for Sport.
Apologies for a delay in my response, trying to catch up with email this morning.
I appreciate the work that has gone into bringing together the views of such a large and active part of our community.

I fully recognise the important role that sport and physical activity play in health, wellbeing, education, community life and the island's economy. The scale of participation across your member organisations alone shows how central sport is to island life .

There is much in your manifesto that I agree with, particularly the need for:

- stronger recognition of sport within government priorities
- better access to facilities and long term investment
- support for young people, pathways and participation
- improved coordination and engagement with clubs and associations

At the same time, I hope you understand that I am cautious about formally signing a detailed point by point commitment during an election period. Each proposal requires careful consideration alongside other priorities, funding realities and evidence on delivery.

That said, I am very happy to give a clear general commitment:

I strongly support sport and physical activity and will advocate for it to be recognised and supported as a core part of island life.

From a Parish perspective, I am also keen to explore how St Helier can play a stronger role in supporting community sport locally, through accessible spaces, partnerships and encouraging participation for all ages.

I would very much welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss your priorities in more detail and to understand how we can work together constructively after the election.

Thank you again for your work and for engaging with candidates in such a thoughtful way.

Andy Howell

Very many thanks for your email and for the Manifesto for Sport which I have signed and attached.

I am a passionate supporter of Sport, having been involved since a young age, and have encouraged my children and now grandchildren to participate.
(I may be slightly biased, as I have a son who is a Consultant in Sports Medicine and a daughter who is a Teacher of PE.)

As one of the current Assistant Health Ministers with responsibility for Women and Girls' Health, I am very much aware how important Sport and Physical Activity and Exercise is for everyone's health and well-being. Statistics show a real 'drop off' in the amount of exercise undertaken by girls, especially in their later teenage years, and this is an area that needs to be addressed..We need to make sure that girls continue to exercise.

Personally, if the Fort is re-developed, apart from a Concert- arena space, I would far prefer that it returns to a multi-sport venue.

Regarding your 'Manifesto' pledge, I do have a couple of minor concerns:
1) I do not think that we should be imposing more on teaching Staff to deliver Saturday morning competitive, inter - school competitions. They already have after-school fixtures, plus occasional weekend fixtures.
Everyone needs some 'time out.'

There is already a great deal going on at weekends:
For example, last Saturday I attended a fantastic event at Jersey Wanderers, where over 200 10 year old and 14 year old girls competed in a Football competition,
My 13 year old grandson swam at Crawley in the Regional swimming competition.
Rugby for youngsters at St Peters, with very many training and playing matches.
Horse riding, Hockey, Badminton , Squash, Padel,Tennis, Football, Table tennis, Athletics, Surfing, Golf, Horse -riding, Netball, Running... the list is endless.

2) Whilst appreciating that cost should not be a barrier, I do understand that when schools let out their facilities they need to make a small profit, which may well help to refurbish the facilities over time, as it is not just about routine maintenance costs.

Thank you for contacting us and for all you are doing to increase participation in all areas of Sport in Jersey. It is very much appreciated.

Mark Labey

I **do** have sport and play in my manifesto as I have frequently mentioned in the Assembly, the East of the Island is a virtual desert when it comes to public access sporting and play facilities.

There was mention of some being converted at Le Rocquier School but that has faded away and clearly lower down priority lists.

With the possible expenditure at Fort Regent being under examination in the next parliament I will seek my electorates guidance on how to vote on this.

Since becoming Connetable I have also become an active member of the management committee and staunch supporter at Grouville Football Club.

The Parish has sadly not had such a tenable link for a very long time, and I am proud to bridge that gap.

They have 17 teams, 5 senior and **12 Junior** teams and won the Premiership for the first time in 2025.

Steve Pallett

As a previous JSC Chair and current President along with being Jersey's 'Sports Minister between 2014 and 2020, I can understand fully the reasoning behind your 20 statements/recommendations and fully support your aims to make sport, both competitive

and recreational, more accessible and affordable to islanders of all ages. Moving forward there must be more understanding and recognition on the role sport at all levels plays in keeping Jersey's population fit and healthy thus reducing the need for expertise medical intervention during their lifetimes.The importance of proving opportunities for young people to play different sports cannot be underestimated and I have no doubt that every child could find a sport that interests them and can play an important role in their development.

Not all children, and for that matter adults, are excited by the more popular and traditional sports such as football, netball, rugby, athletics etc and are motivated by sports that better reflect their personalities such as skateboarding, BMX riding, surfing or bowls but all sports provide a level of enjoyment and discipline that any individual can transfer into their lives growing up and then into both working and family life.

Opportunities to try different sports is the key and is even more important with children who may have mental health conditions such as ADHD or behaviour disorders where they might find team or athletic sports difficult but a sport such as shooting might provide the environment where they flourish.Clubs and associations should be encouraged and supported to open their doors to all children with cost never being a consideration but that may require support both for Government and the private sector to ensure a fair playing field for all.

The JSC, alongside other sporting bodies in Jersey must continue to put pressure on Government to ensure a secure funding stream for sport in the island and not be the easy target when budget cuts are considered.There must be a move away, gently, from curing ill health to preventing poor health outcomes and the sporting and recreational community should be at the heart of providing islanders the opportunities to remain fit and active throughout their lives.There must be more focus on Public Health Jersey to improve Jersey's record on preventing poor health outcomes such as obesity,heart disease and the prolifence of preventable cancers such as skin cancer by informing and guiding Government to finding the necessary funding.Sport could be a beneficiary of such funding and working with the hospital and local doctors , could participate in educational and practical programs to reduce unnecessary illness and disease.We must moving forward take a much wider and detailed look at hoe the islands health outcomes can be improved both to save money but more importantly improve islanders quality of life especially in their later years.

As much as the majority of the commitments above focus on the delivery of sport , there is a much greater prize to be had by supporting all these sensible and well thought out commitments.Whoever takes on the role of 'Sports Minister' in the next Government does in my opinion not only have to work in the best interests of the local sporting community, they must include in their role the responsibility of setting better targets to improve the health of all islanders.We do have a Health and Wellbeing Strategy in Jersey as I introduced it back in 2017 and it set out to make all States departments consider the health and wellbeing of islanders when making decisions.Needless to say it's been ignored but I would urge the JSC and the next Government to take the prevention of ill health and disease seriously and give it the priority it truly deserves.

Well done the Chair and Committee of the JSC for highlighting all these important issues and putting candidates feet to the fire.

Karen Shenton Stone

COMMENTS: Netball desperately need proper facilities.

The east of the island is not as well served with sporting facilities as the west of the Island.

Thank you for the work you do.

Rob Ward

I need more detail to understand thé impact of point 15.

The building of new school at Gas Place will increase public access to community sport spaces in this school. Including a 4g pitch and sports hall. It must not be delayed. Building for community access maximises how school spaces can be utilised. This had been a problem in older buildings.

I have yes for point 18 but need to understand why that is such a blocker to projects. Planning needs to work for all involved.

Points 7 and 9 are very simple and should be achievable.

I'm surprised that 12 is an issue as inter school sports does happen

Finally as a party we have met you and so continue our dialogue after the election.

DEPUTIES

Lindsay Ash

I think your ideas are spot on and hopefully few would argue with them.

I do think though that the Sporting community needs to take a good look at itself and come together and work as one. We have had way too many examples of petty in fighting between one sport and another and indeed petty in fighting within individual sports themselves.

Whilst this is a good idea in my view many will sign his that are unable to tell you what a football looks like! In my last spell in the States there was the classic example when Farmers CC were looking to build indoor cricket nets with private money and were turned down by States Members. I myself appeared before the planning committee to argue for the padel facility at St Clement and that was a close run thing.

I wish you the very best of luck and should I be elected please be assured of my support.

Ian Barnes

I am standing for Deputy in St Helier North.

If I am successful one of my aims and objectives would be to propose the establishment of a Minister for Tourism as I believe that industry is sadly neglected, having been President of the Jersey Hospitality Association.

Sport is closely aligned with hospitality - event led and sports tourism, so this is something I could look at assisting with, especially with the proposed investment up at Strive. My brief would include transport and the importance of inter island travel links, which of course again is very much Sport relevant. So keep your fingers crossed and vote for me if you live in St Helier North!

I abstained from 10 as if i get in I am proposing the formation of a Ministry for Tourism and will put myself forward as the Minister. Obviously that ministry would include an assistant for Sport as event led tourism is so important as are the travel links especially inter island. My idea also is to have a Central Marketing body called Brand Jersey as exists in Scotland and Ireland. Scaled down arms length bodies like Visit Jersey, Jersey Finance, Digital Jersey and Ag and Fisheries would all feed into the Central Marketing body and due to economies of scale, there would be operating cost savings which would allow more funds to be made available for Marketing and Promotion.

David Benn

As you will note from the comment at the end I have put sport in my manifesto.
My manifesto clearly states that sport is essential for the health and wellbeing of our population.

I am not a sportsman myself, although I have participated in running at school and College and have taken part in Tug of War. However, I can see a massive problem looming if we do not improve the health and wellbeing of our population. Sport is one of the ways in which we can help to improve both physical and mental health.

There is only one question that I hesitate on as I think sport needs to seek additional funding from corporate bodies (I know that you have sponsorship deals but perhaps more could be sought as Government coffers are not endless)

But that doesn't mean that I do not fully support your aims.

Lee Carpenter

Thank you for your email and for putting together your excellent manifesto for sport. I could not agree more with what you're looking to achieve.

Alex Curtis

Thank you for sharing the JSC's Manifesto for Sport, as well as the Government's commissioned report by Simon Cooper.

I hope you will see from my work in the States Assembly, including in Planning, where I have weighed the value of Sports and Sports Tourism in the determining of applications where it is relevant, that I support Sport. With 'lack of things to do' for younger people being

a recurring theme, I believe sport offers an enduring solution that builds communities, fitness/health and a sense of enjoyment in our island.

I will continue to support sport, its promotion, and investment in it.

You may imagine we are receiving a range of requests to 'pledge' or 'endorse' other manifestos or asks. As I have my own manifesto, and to maintain fairness across organisations asking, I will not be endorsing or pledging to any organisations request. I do commit to engaging with organisations across all sectors and being driven by those discussions and the realities on the ground. As such, please do get in touch on any topics and let others know I'm more than happy to discuss their work and asks of the Assembly.

Catherine Curtis

I have abstained on point 3 because we don't need any more ministers or to add to their remit. I'm happy for an assistant minister to have special responsibility.
Point 10 sounds very interesting
I note that each pledge begins with "I would consider" so that's very easy to say yes to.
But when it comes to increased funding or waiver of fees, these matters have to be considered in the round.
Thank you for meeting with us, and thank you for all your work on sport.

David Curtis

Myself and my daughter are competitive shooters and I understand and have experienced the significant difficulties and cost in getting off island to compete.
I am an active supporter of many sports and believe in the positive effect sports have on people's wellbeing.
Cost of supporting an off-island presence in any sport is a significant barrier and will have limited/removed many islanders' potential on a wider stage. Government support would go a long way.
This also affects sport coming into Jersey, particularly surrounding travel and accommodation.

Samantha Gleave

There were just a couple of areas that I think would need to wait until, if I'm elected I am in the assembly with access to more information and a little more information from you to discuss.
Fundamentally I fully support your aims. Sport, at all ages, should be central to our health prevention strategy. With an aging population, that is living longer, but is still suffering with illness at the same start point, we need to look at how staying fit and healthy becomes much more part of our every day life.

Of course that starts at school. There is so much evidence that sport improves a child's academic achievements (take those examples of schools that have instigated a 1k run at the start of the school day and seen a jump in academic performance) and one of the things that I would like to see is a far stronger sports programme back in primary education.

We also need to encourage and support those for whom sport does not come naturally. I was one of those children. I had a wonderful music teacher when I was younger, who was convinced that every child was capable of playing a musical instrument, if only she could find the right one, even if that was just a triangle. We need to encourage that attitude with sports teachers.

When I was at JCG (a few too many years ago now), along with friends from all the other sixth forms, I co-founded the Jersey Sixth Form Society. Among other things we persuaded the schools to have their sports afternoon on the same day and persuaded each school to offer different sports, ensuring the range of sports on offer was far broader than any one school on its own could deliver. At the time it was hugely successful. We have a wealth of different sports offered by different clubs etc and we need to make sure the full range is presented to each school child and they are encouraged to give different things a try.

I am really hoping that Serena is elected as I believe she is the ideal candidate for Sports Minister. I have had many chats with her on the subject and know how passionate she is.

Hilary Jeune

I am happy to support the majority of your asks immediately, they are sensible and broadly in line with the direction of travel already underway - or that is what has been painted to us. Which is perhaps why I would find it helpful to understand what you think the barriers are if we are not going in this direction.

For four years there has been an Assistant Minister for Sport- a role I think should remain at that level -and I believe both governments in that period gave sport genuine focus, both in policy, funding and wider in Assembly decisions.

So what has prevented more progress or the feeling from this manifesto it hasnt landed? The analysis you provide looks largely at previous political terms rather than the impact of the last four years, and a more up-to-date picture of where the specific blockages lie would help sharpen the conversation about what an incoming Assembly could realistically do differently.

My other honest concern is funding. It matters, but so do the asks from every other sector making the case for investment, all at a time when the public are rightly pushing for a reduction in overall government spending. That tension needs to be addressed directly. There is plenty of evidence that investment in sport reduces costs elsewhere in government- in health, in mental health, in social services- but government decision-making has rarely reflected that long-term logic, not least because budgets have been set on an annual basis. That is one reason I support moving to a multi-year budget process, so that the full costs and benefits of decisions like this can be properly weighed.

On your specific funding asks in points 6 and 8, I am supportive in principle, but I cannot be more concrete than that without that wider context, and any commitment would need to be weighed honestly against the overall fiscal picture.

I hope that sets out my support clearly, and the honest caveats that come with it,

Raluca Kovacs

I am broadly supportive of the direction set out in this manifesto and recognise the important role that sport and physical activity play in the health, wellbeing, and community life of our Island. Sport is not just about participation. It supports mental and physical health, brings communities together, and creates opportunities for young people. Collaboration with community projects is also important and adds real value.

I have consistently supported this in my work, including my proposal P.82/2024 Support Scheme for Individuals Qualifying to Represent Jersey in Off-Island Competitions

Where I initially called for £500,000 to help with travel costs for Islanders representing Jersey in off-island competitions. This was reduced by a Minister's amendment to £300,000, and I accepted this so that progress could be made. However, I made it clear at the time that more funding would still be needed, and I believe this should be reviewed again in the future.

I remain committed to working with the sector to strengthen support for sport in a way that is sustainable and delivers real benefits for Islanders. I, and we as a party, have met with the JSC and Jersey Sport representatives on several occasions, and these discussions have been very useful. I am keen to continue this dialogue and work together on practical solutions.

At points 3 and 10, I support the continuation of a dedicated Assistant Minister for Sport, or a combined role covering Sport, Tourism, Culture, and Heritage, as these areas are closely connected and work best when developed together in a coordinated way.

I support the programme in principle and want to help it succeed. However, I would need to see more details on its impact and funding to ensure any future expansion is well-targeted and effective.
I am also open to proposals that remove barriers to projects, and I would like to better understand the scale of these issues so I can support the most appropriate solutions.

Although some responses reflect my personal lived experience, they also represent the broader views of Reform Jersey, with party colleagues agreeing to have them recorded as such, even where some may choose to submit separate input based on their own experience.

Carolyn Labey

Thank you for your email and sharing the Jersey Sport Manifesto.

I wholeheartedly agree that active involvement in sport is a great / essential thing for individuals and Jersey on both social and health grounds, and that government should

facilitate its development. I would however need to seek more information before responding to some of the questions, especially if it involves creating more bureaucracy.

I believe we do need a strategy which has the input of sports organisations and I would like to see it involve developing more opportunities for Islanders and indeed tourism.

In my office as Deputy, I have instigated the Eastern Cycle Network and established a funding mechanism for it. It remains a disappointment to me at how slowly the department for Infrastructure have progressed it. I would support new and improved facilities for islanders, particularly in the east. I also welcome the longevity programme especially where we are living longer and therefore active lives need to be promoted.

We have a good active sporting environment in Jersey and I appreciate your involvement in driving this forward.

Chris Leck

My son Jonathan is heavily involved in Football at Springfield. We need Sports facilities in the North East of the Island

Victoria Li

Thank you for sending through the Manifesto for Sport – Candidate Commitment. I have read it carefully and welcome the detail and ambition it represents.

Sport and physical activity sit at the heart of what I care about: healthy children, connected communities, and a Jersey that works for everyone. Many of the commitments you have outlined, particularly around schools, community access, and evidence-based investment – resonate strongly with the priorities I am putting forward in my own manifesto.

Before submitting my formal response, I want to take the time to speak with people in Jersey's sporting community directly, so that my answers reflect genuine engagement rather than assumptions. I believe good policy starts with listening.

Arlene Maltman

I fully support your manifesto. As you know, I worked on secondment as a Sports Policy Officer in the Economy Department, where I helped progress Jersey's anti-doping work to ensure the Island was compliant with UNESCO requirements. I also worked on the wider review of sport.

I have already discussed with Lyndon my view that sport should sit outside Economy and have a much stronger cross-departmental remit. In my opinion, sport would be better served with its own Minister, or potentially grouped with Arts, Culture and Tourism.

While sport remains within Economy, there is a risk that it is viewed too narrowly through an economic performance lens. That is not to say sport does not deliver strong return on

investment — it clearly does — but its benefits reach far beyond the economy and into health, education, wellbeing, community life and social inclusion.

The statistics around obesity, for example, are alarming and underline why sport and physical activity must be treated as a strategic priority.

If I am elected as Deputy, sport will be one of my top priorities.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Judy Martin

Firstly thank you for your email and question.

I am very interested how sport is in Jersey schools and I think it really needs to change

We tried to get health and education working together a good few years back and again nothing happened. I am fully committed to getting children engaged at a young age make it fun who may not like it or just think it's not for them. I can't do much unless I'm elected, I can say I will do my very best for all sports for all ages as it is very important.

Robert Parker

I support sport but I'm not going to fill in your list as I feel that our Island has some fundamentals that it needs to address as a matter of urgency.

Unfortunately I feel every prospective member is being bombarded to make commitments that when collectively added up are probably not affordable as last year our expenditure was £118 million more than our income.

I feel our political class have been dancing around the key decisions we have to make and put them in the too difficult basket.

I think your concept from a lobbying standpoint is very clever.

Chris Rebindaine

My philosophy is sport for all as a healthy activity and to promote a competitive spirit, something that exists in most areas of life . Sport should be fostered for the many, with facilities geared towards maximum usage for all ages. You have indicated an Assistant Minister role for Sport, my personal ambition is a Minister for Tourism, Agriculture and Sport which will bring together all elements of our visitor economy. There is a Sport section in my manifesto on www.chrisrebindaine.je

Jonathan Renouf

Thanks for the email and it was good to meet you at Oakfield a week ago.
As candidates, we are bombarded with invitations to sign manifestoes from various organisations. I take the view that I have published my manifesto and that it was I am

prepared to put my name too and I am not going to sign other manifestoes. I would say I am broadly very supportive of the need to encourage sport, both at a participation and competitive/elite level and am very happy to commit to working with the Jersey Sports Council (and all other stakeholders) to ensure our sports facilities meet the needs of islanders, and to ensure that sport is encouraged at all levels.

Lucy Stephenson

I wholeheartedly support the measures outlined in your manifesto for sport.
My own manifesto includes the following commitment: If re-elected I will champion the power of sport and physical activity to transform lives, strengthen communities and promote Jersey around the world. I have also made various commitments related to increasing investment in preventative health, and sport and physical activity will be central to this. During my time as assistant minister with responsibility for sport I engaged extensively with sports and remain committed to a collaborative approach going forward.

Monty Tadier

I think sport is very important for physical and mental wellbeing. It has great social value and, supported properly, it can be a great economic driver too. In terms of health, its preventative value must also be considered and valued.

I do not support a separate Minister for Sport, but I do support it being given greater priority and I could support a distinct minister for Sport and Culture or Tourism, Sport, Culture and the Creative Industries, for example.

I would like to see more sports and event-led tourism