



**DAVID  
ASHFORD**



**AGE: 43**

**PROFESSION  
: SITTING  
MHK**

**How would you describe yourself and what you stand for (50 words or fewer)?**

A hard working dedicated individual who is not afraid of a challenge. I tend to be very analytical and like to consider different approaches before coming to a conclusion or decision. As hobbies I enjoy walking, listening to music and reading.

**What inspired you to stand in this year's General Election (50 words or fewer)?**

The challenges over the last five years have been international matters such as the pandemic, Brexit and beneficial ownership but the next five will be domestic. I want to be part of the team looking to solve those problems such as the cost of housing, social care, economic recovery.

**Where do you see the Isle of Man in five years (100 words max)?**

I want to see an island with a more diversified economy with opportunities for growth identified on an international scale. There also needs to be a revision of how social care provision is provided on a more equal basis and that the island has pushed forward on climate change. We need to ensure that young people are not being priced off the island and they have the same opportunities as previous generations have had to own their own home and develop their skills on island.

HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF  
ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM?

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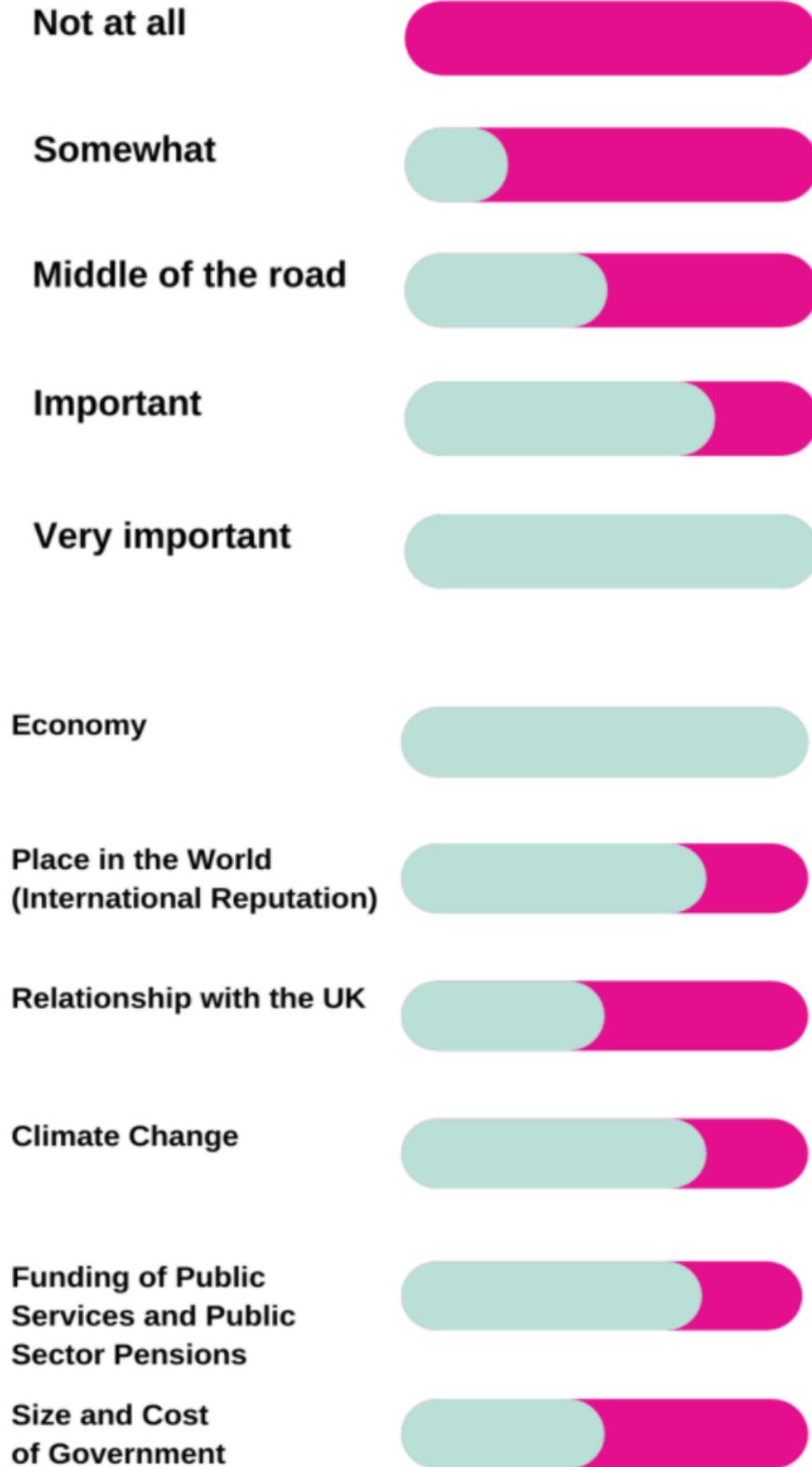
**What do you see as the most important issue to address in the recovery from Covid (Max 100 words)?** Ensuring that the economy can recover from the economic shocks of the pandemic and that we use it as an opportunity to look at how we develop our economic base making it more resilient and diversified.

We should also build upon the community spirit that the pandemic brought forth and use it as an opportunity to engage with the third sector to build stronger community engagement.

The pandemic has also shown how targeted simple to navigate support packages can work. We should be applying this to the benefits system which needs an urgent review to ensure its fit for purpose.

**Who would be your preference to be the island's next Chief Minister?** It would depend on what the various candidates are offering in their manifesto's for the future of the island.

### HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU SEE THESE ISSUES BEING TO THE ISLAND?



**Legalisation of  
Recreational Cannabis**



**Affordable Housing**



**Mental Health and  
Wellbeing of Population**



**Accessible World  
Class Health Care**



**Education**



**Tourism**



**Population Growth  
(10,000 under 40)**



**Tax Strategy**



**Support for Manx  
Owned Businesses**



**Green Energy**



**Cost Effective Travel  
(on and off Island)**



**Government  
Transparency  
and Accountability**

