



Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce

2026 General Election Candidate Questions

Chamber of Commerce is inviting all 2026 General Election candidates to respond to the questions below. Your responses will be published on our election website and shared with our membership and the wider public ahead of polling day on 24 September 2026.

We are asking all candidates to respond by video. Please record a response of between three and five minutes and submit it via WeTransfer to nikole@iomchamber.org.im.

Candidate videos will be accepted throughout the election period and published as they are received. To maximise the opportunity for businesses and the wider electorate to view your response, we encourage submissions as early as possible.

To submit, go to wetransfer.com, enter nikole@iomchamber.org.im as the recipient, upload your file, and send. No account is required. Videos will be published in full and unedited.

Question 1: The economy — your plan for growth

- Do you agree that growing the Isle of Man's economy is the top priority for the next administration?
- What is your economic growth strategy for the Isle of Man?
- Which sectors do you believe offer the greatest opportunity for growth, and what will you do to support them?
- How will you ensure the Island remains a competitive location for international business?
- What is your position on population and migration as economic tools?

Question 2: Cost of living, taxation and business costs

- How will you approach personal and business taxation to maintain the Island's competitiveness?
- What is your view on energy costs for businesses, and what role should government play in addressing them?
- If the Island faces a fiscal shortfall without growth, how will you balance the books without cutting services or raising taxes?

Question 3: Government and business

- How will you ensure the next government listens to and acts on the concerns of the business community?
- What structures or mechanisms will you support to give business a genuine voice in economic policy?
- What is your view on the structural accountability of the civil service, and would you support reform?

Question 4: Regulation and the cost of doing business

- How will you reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on businesses without compromising the Island's reputation as a well-regulated jurisdiction?
- What is your view on how the relationship between regulators and the businesses they regulate should work?
- What specific reforms to government processes would you pursue to speed up decision-making?

Question 5: Workforce, skills and recruitment

- What specific actions will you take to address recruitment and skills shortages if elected?
- How will you tackle the link between housing affordability and the Island's ability to attract and retain talent?
- What does a long-term workforce strategy for the Isle of Man look like in your view, and how will you ensure the next administration has one?

Question 6: Infrastructure and connectivity

- What is your position on air connectivity, and what specific commitments will you make on this?
- How will you ensure the Island's digital infrastructure meets the needs of businesses competing in a global market?
- What is your approach to energy infrastructure and long-term cost stability for businesses?

Question 7: Housing

- What specific steps will you take to increase the supply of affordable housing on the Island?
- How will you address the link between housing policy and population strategy?
- What is your position on planning reform to accelerate housing delivery?