

## **Reform Jersey 2026 Manifesto Summary (“Turning the Tide”)**

### **Overall Message**

- Jersey must move from managed decline to renewal;
- Reform Jersey offers a coordinated programme instead of a fragmented government
- Focus on affordability, fairness, strong services and long-term stability

### **Core Vision**

- Jersey is at a turning point between managed decline and national renewal
- Cost of living, housing, childcare and energy are rising faster than wages
- Past decisions have weakened infrastructure, services and public finances
- Reform Jersey aims to make Jersey more affordable, fairer, better governed and future-ready

### **Main Priorities**

- Address cost of living pressures
- Prepare Jersey for future economic, environmental and technological change
- Restore accountability and efficiency in government

### **Economy**

- Support all key sectors, including finance, agriculture, fisheries and small business
- Promote innovation, digital growth and green industries
- Encourage inward investment with local benefit
- Reduce unnecessary regulation and bureaucracy
- Improve government procurement to support local firms
- Explore a publicly owned bank
- Strengthen transport and freight connectivity
- Maintain a competitive corporate tax system

### **Housing**

- Treat housing as a basic need
- Build more family homes and downsizer homes
- Trial rent-to-buy schemes
- Bring empty homes back into use
- Improve lodging house standards
- Define homelessness in law and strengthen support
- Expand social housing and Andium supply
- Support young people with deposit savings schemes

### **Health and Social Care**

- Maintain free healthcare at the point of use
- Deliver the new hospital without further delay
- Reduce waiting times and improve services
- Improve GP access and preventative care
- Expand mental health services, including a 24/7 support hub
- Strengthen support for carers and disability services
- Improve long-term care sustainability
- Explore shared Channel Islands health services

### **Children and Education**

- Improve outcomes for all children and vulnerable groups
- Invest in early years and school capacity
- Strengthen SEND services and early intervention
- Expand apprenticeships and vocational pathways
- Protect the university grants system
- Deliver new schools and education facilities
- Expand lifelong learning and retraining
- Improve childcare support, already expanded
- Strengthen online safety and child protection

### **Pensioners**

- Support dignified retirement
- Increase pensioner tax allowance
- Expand Pension Plus healthcare scheme
- Protect pension benefits, including bus passes
- Support downsizing within communities
- Improve access to affordable healthcare for older people

## **Tax and Social Security**

- Simplify the income tax system
- Reduce marginal tax rate for most taxpayers
- Remove regressive social security caps for high earners
- Improve fairness in contributions
- Maintain a competitive corporate tax system
- Long-term aim to reduce GST on essentials when affordable

## **Workers' Rights**

- Strengthen employment protections
- Expand tribunal access and fairness
- Prevent unfair dismissal practices
- Improve workplace pensions
- Strengthen whistleblower protections
- Protect migrant workers from exploitation

## **Safety and Justice**

- Improve policing and road safety
- Implement domestic violence taskforce recommendations
- Introduce hate crime legislation
- Protect LGBTQ+ rights
- Strengthen emergency services
- Tackle violence against women and girls

## **Environment and Climate**

- Protect the countryside, coast and marine environment
- Restore habitats and biodiversity
- Reduce emissions through practical policies
- Expand green transport infrastructure
- Strengthen flood and coastal defences
- Address PFAS contamination
- Support green jobs and apprenticeships

## **Transport**

- Integrated transport strategy across bus, cycling and EVs
- Improve reliability and affordability of public transport
- Expand active travel options
- Support EV transition
- Reduce reliance on cars
- Improve island connectivity

## **Infrastructure**

- Deliver long-delayed infrastructure projects
- Fix drainage and coastal defence systems
- Build new schools, youth and leisure facilities
- Improve long-term planning and delivery discipline

## **Government Reform**

- Reduce waste, consultants and bureaucracy
- Improve IT systems and service integration
- Consolidate inefficient departments
- Strengthen procurement and value for money
- Improve transparency and financial discipline
- Develop Ombudsman-style complaints system

## **Democracy**

- Simplify the electoral system
- One category of States Member with equal votes
- Encourage greater public participation
- Strengthen parish and local democracy
- Explore secure digital voting

## **International Role**

- Defend Jersey's autonomy
- Strengthen relationships with the UK, France and international partners
- Support overseas aid and humanitarian work
- Promote ethical international responsibility