

**TRANSPORT**

**DELIVERING THE GREEN VISION**



## TRANSFORMING TRANSPORT

### What?

- Deliver an integrated, smart, safe, inclusive for all transport system that will have zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2035.

### Why?

- Our transport system is polluting and damaging to our health. Isle of Man transport accounts for c.15-20% of our carbon dioxide emissions.
- Tests conducted by Friends of the Earth have identified areas such as the Quarterbridge have breached EU air quality objectives as a result of road pollution. Immediate pollution in our environment contributes to respiratory conditions and costs to our national health system.
- Our transport system is dangerous. A person is twice as likely to be killed or seriously injured on the Isle of Man's roads than they are in England.
- In 2018/19, 70,170 cars were registered for a population of c.83,000. Our focus on cars as the only way to travel in the Isle of Man is highly polluting, unsustainable, and focuses the design of our environment on metal boxes and not on people.
- Isle of Man 'Victorians' built a world leading system of public transport of electric trams and steam railways. To transform our transport system to better the wellbeing of our society, we need to channel the Victorian approach. We should be able to seamlessly move across the Isle of Man on clean, free, regular, smart public transport.

### How?

- Produce an integrated, smart, clean transport strategy for the whole Isle of Man.
- Transform our planning laws and policies to prioritise pedestrians and active travel in our residential areas, and town and village centres. Active travel should be safe and accessible for our community.
- Transform our planning laws to design new developments in line with the concept of '15-minute cities'. Through this concept, everyone in towns and in Douglas will need to get to amenities within a 15-minute walk.
- Invest in the transformation of our rail and electric tram system to again lead the world in clean, smart, integrated public transport.
- Make public transport free to all and design its distribution to inclusively support communities across the Island. This will commence with the immediate introduction of a fare-free Friday for all public transport, with full adoption take by 2030.
- Reflect in Isle of Man law the legislative developments in the UK in respect of the use of autonomous vehicles. Autonomous vehicles can reduce our dependence on individual car ownership.
- Ensure that at least 10% of transport spending is on active travel
- Introduce a 20mph default speed limit in built-up areas, saving lives and making cycling and walking safer.
- Introduce a 'Safe to School' scheme to provide safe walking access to every child who lives within 2 miles from their school.