

Ex-Deputy aims for a comeback

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A FORMER St Brelade Deputy has confirmed that he wants to return to the post he vacated four years ago at the May general election as he 'still has the drive and energy to try to make a difference'.

John Young served one term as Deputy in St Brelade District No 1 before giving up his seat to stand – ultimately unsuccessfully – in the Senatorial elections in 2014. He also stood in the Senatorial by-election in 2016, which was won by Senator Sarah Ferguson.

A former chief officer in the Environment Department, Mr Young also worked in the financial and legal industries before his election in 2011. After leaving office in 2014, Mr Young went on to work on planning projects with the government of Alderney – a role which came to an end in September.

Mr Young said he had become 'upset about the state of our government' and hoped to tackle the 'over-development of urban areas' and promote policies that supported the Island's young people.

He said: 'Obviously, I am looking to gain support in my constituency and subject to that – yes, I am looking to stand in May.'



■ John Young

'I feel the Island Plan needs to be given a real fresh look – particularly with regard to what we are doing with some of our urban areas.'

'Also, I want to see the future of the Island looked after, particularly our young people. They have had a raw deal for a while through lack of access to housing, employment prospects, the cost of living and lack of access to pensions – I am very troubled by that.'

Mr Young added that he did not have any strong ministerial aspirations but, if successful in gaining a seat, would be happy to take on any role the Assembly saw fit for him.

