

## **Hon. Robert Midwinter**

### **Member of Legislative Council, St Helena Island**

Hon. Robert Midwinter was first elected to sit on the St Helena Island Legislative Council in the October 2021 general election, which brought about change to a Ministerial form of Government. He has a Master's Degree in Business Management, is a Chartered Fellow with the Chartered Management Institute, and he is Chair of the Select Committee that has oversight of the St Helena Government portfolios relating to Health and Social Care, Education, Skills and Employment, and Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning.

Rob, as he is known locally, has had a long association with the island since first working with Saints in the Falkland Islands in the 1980's and 1990's. He relocated to the island in 2006, and became a permanent resident. Whilst coming from a Construction and Maintenance Management background, predominantly within the Ministry of Defence overseas, since relocating to the island he has worked mainly in the field of Private Sector Development and Economic Development, holding senior management positions within the St Helena Development Agency (SHDA), and subsequently with Enterprise St Helena (ESH) prior to its closure in March 2021.

Rob is a single father who is passionate about the future of the island, and ensuring that this develops in a manner that is both sustainable and also socially inclusive. He strongly believes that the island needs a private sector led approach to development, with a focus on increased local production capacity wherever possible, and reduced dependence on imports. He is currently serving as the District Representative for the St Paul's electoral area, and is also Vice Chairman of the SHAPE Board, a local Social Enterprise that focuses on creating enterprise opportunities for individuals with special needs.