

COUNCIL MOTION

13 July 2023

PROPOSED BY: **Councillor Mike Prendergast**

SECONDED BY:

TITLE: **Southport Pier**

Southport is fortunate to be blessed with many unique and historic buildings and structures. This benefits local businesses, residents and all those people who visit the Town.

This heritage and history enables Southport to market itself as a unique tourist destination and one of Southport's most iconic structures is the Pier.

At over 160 years old and the second longest in the UK it is synonymous with Southport and its Victorian heritage. People travel from far and wide to visit the Pier and enjoy it.

It is therefore, deeply regrettable that the Pier has had to close. Whilst we all recognise that on occasion works need to be carried out, these should (where possible) be done in a manner that keeps the Pier open and accessible to all.

Therefore, this council resolves:

1. To commit to re-open the Pier as soon as possible.
2. To make every effort to carry out any required repair works in a manner that allows the Pier to remain open whilst works are being undertaken.
3. On the basis of the above provide a firm date when works will commence, provide details of costs and a schedule of works to be undertaken in a report to the Audit & Governance meeting scheduled for 6th September 2023.