

Ask your Candidates about their plans for the Pier

COSTS They may tell you: “The Pier will cost £17 million to repair”. The **FACT** is: £4 million to start the repair and refurbishment process and after that it can be self-funding and also create local jobs and apprenticeships

FUNDING They may tell you: “Hastings Borough Council doesn't have any money”. The **FACT** is: The Compulsory Purchase and repair will not cost the Council a single penny. The Trust can attract external funding not available to Hastings Council or private companies

REPAIRS They may tell you: “The Pier is beyond repair”. The **FACT** is: The Pier is very repairable. The main supports are all in good condition and the engineering repairs require simple old-fashioned technology

BUSINESS They may tell you: “The Business Plan is not good enough”. The **FACT** is: The Business Plan is very straightforward and robust having been developed and validated over two years with professional advisors.

FUTURE They may tell you: “Hastings doesn't need its Pier”. The **FACT** is: The Pier is an essential part of the future economic regeneration of Hastings. A failed Pier will be a burden on your Council Tax – it would cost £4 million to demolish for which there is no funding.