

## Trust Statement - 10th February 2023

As previously disclosed, The Shrimpers Trust met with the club's CEO, Tom Lawrence, and Anna Firth MP today at Roots Hall and discussed the situation regarding the future of the football club.

Thank-you to everyone for your questions, they have been collated via social media and ShrimperZone and shared with Anna & her team completely uncensored. These will be reviewed in more detail by Anna and a response will be posted on our website once received.

Whilst the meeting's focus was to engage with the club's local MP, clearly there were other issues which needed and still require clarity. Although Tom confirmed that significant progress has been made in relation to financing and he went on to say that the club would comment only when there is substantial news to share, the Trust remains concerned about Southend United's future.

Tom also confirmed that St John Ambulance has been replaced by an alternative medical services provider and that all the relevant authorities have been informed.

Further discussions will take place between the Trust and supporters' groups to discuss further action and next steps on Monday. The supporters' groups will also be welcoming Anna Firth as a guest on Monday to allow others to share views and concerns on the situation.

The Shrimpers Trust Board