



Joint Supporters Group Statement – 6th June 2023

Supporters' group representatives welcome the update provided by Southend United Football Club following its appearance in the Insolvency & Companies Court on 31st May and 5th June 2023.

We are also pleased to see that the two of the club's three sets of overdue accounts, those for the years ending 2020 and 2021, have now been submitted. However, that will be little consolation to the long-suffering staff who remain without pay. Their situation must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The long-term objective of new ownership or investment in the football club is clear, but our concerns about the immediate term persist. Today's club statement informs us that the unfreezing of the club's bank account "will enable the business to continue to function pending the takeover", but we once again call upon the current owner to outline how financial obligations will be met on time until a sale or investment process is resolved.

The detailed acknowledgement of recent events within the club statement is appreciated, and we hope that continued dialogue, where appropriate, will be maintained throughout the next month. Communication between the club and supporters must improve and we hope that today's conciliatory, contrite and informative statement is a sign of things to come.

Southend United FC remains on the edge of a precipice ahead of the club's next court hearing on Wednesday 12th July, in advance of which all debts under the winding-up petition and outstanding staff salaries must be paid. The timely sale of the club is of paramount importance. We will be eagerly monitoring further developments.