

# Heritage Lottery Fund statement – Hastings Pier

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We have been fully committed to a community-owned Hastings Pier – that is what we originally funded and we have done everything we can to help make it a success. Sadly Hastings Pier Charity wasn't able to make the pier profitable and took the decision to enter administration.

Thanks to a substantial investment of National Lottery Funding, Hastings now has a hugely popular, Stirling Prize-winning pier. The administrators advise that significant cash for working capital and investment purposes, amounting to over a million pounds, is now required to make the pier sustainable.

Our priority – and that of the administrators - is to see the pier protected and continuing to make a significant contribution to the town's community, prosperity and culture. We believe today's decision by the administrator is the best way of achieving this.

We applaud the local community and their tireless commitment to the pier. We hope that all parties can now work together to ensure the pier has a bright future.