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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - THURSDAY 21ST APRIL, 2016

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following document which was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No.	Item
6.	Questions Raised by Members of the Council (Pages 31 - 32) Schedule attached.

Yours sincerely,

M. CARNEY

Chief Executive

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COUNCIL –21 APRIL 2016

QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. **Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to THE Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services (Councillor Lappin)**

“I note that the Pay and Grading Committee has met four times during the year 2015/16.

During the year 2015/16:

1. For how many officers did the Committee approve severance payments?
2. What was the total cost to the Council of the severance payments approved by the Committee?”

Response:

The Pay and Grading Committee have approved 5 severance payments in 2015/16. The total value of these payments including all costs is £875,759

These proposals are directly linked to the Council’s senior management and departmental restructuring strategy which has generated an ongoing saving to the Council in excess of £1.5m per year.

2. **Question submitted by Councillor Dawson to the Cabinet Member – Locality Services (Councillor Fairclough)**

“The street lighting of two of Southport's premier shopping streets (Lord Street and Eastbank Street) continues to be very poor in large areas and has been for a considerable length of time.

1. Could the Cabinet Member inform me of his department's assessment of how many of the lamp units on

- (a) Lord Street and
- (b) Eastbank Street

are non-functional and for how long these have been so.

2. Could the Cabinet Member give the Council an estimate of when these lighting units will be repaired?”

Response:

As Cabinet Member I should not be dealing with ward Councillor's issues at full Council. Cllr Dawson should be contacting directly the relevant officers concerned.

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