

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.