

BT consultation on removal of public payphone at Boveedy Road, Kilrea	28th June 2017
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Elected Members will provide civic leadership to our citizens working to promote the Borough as an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 7th June 2017 on the removal of a public payphone at Boveedy Road, Kilrea.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 BT have advised that the phone box has been damaged beyond economical repair. They also advise that from a review of the records the payphone has received little use during the past twelve months.
- 2.2 BT have advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the area. The nearest being at Maghera Street, Kilrea, which is 3330 metres away.
- 2.3 BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal and require a response within 90 days.

3.0 Options

Option 1: Agree to support the removal: or

Option 2: Agree to oppose the removal.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree either Option 1 or 2 above to the proposed removal of the phone box and to the Head of Planning responding to BT on behalf of Council.