

BT consultation on removal of public payphone at 16 Ballylagan Road, Portrush.	25th October 2017
PLANNING COMMITTEE	
For Decision	

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	Head of Planning
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

1.0 Background

- 1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 6th October 2017 on the removal of a public payphone at 16 Ballylagan Road, Portrush.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 BT have advised that the kiosk has recently been involved in an incident and is damaged beyond economical repair. It has received little use during the past twelve months. Due to the high costs to repair or replace the kiosk BT are proposing to recover the kiosk and permanently cease service at this site.
- 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 Hopefield Avenue, Portrush, which is 2645 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.