

<b>BT consultation on removal of public payphone at Turragh Garage, Glenshesk Road, Armoy, Ballymoney BT53 8RJ</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.</li> </ul>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Development Management and Enforcement Manager
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	N/A

## **For Decision**

### **1.0 Background**

1.1 BT Payphones consulted the Council on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 on the removal of a public payphone at Turragh Garage, Glenshesk Road, Armoy .

### **2.0 Detail**

2.1 BT have advised that the phone box has received no use during the last twelve months and are therefore proposing to permanently cease the service at this location. The telephone box is of the traditional design painted red.

2.2 BT has advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the vicinity. The nearest phone box is located at Glenshesk Road, Armoy.

2.3 BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal. They require the Council to respond after 42 days and within 90 days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community.

### **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.

