



Notification of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety

Present: Councillor Lisa Spivey

Officers: Joseph Walker, Community Partnership Officer, Caleb Harris- Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. Declarations of Interest

It was confirmed that there were none from the Cabinet Member or the Officers present.

2. Response to British Telecommunications Ltd consultation on the removal of telephony from a telephone box in Guiting Power

The purpose of the report was for the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety to determine the Council's response to a consultation led by British Telecommunications Ltd into the removal of telephony from a telephone kiosk in Guiting Power.

The Cabinet Member opened the meeting by outlining the substantive agenda item and the recommendation from the officer which was to respond to BT with no objection to the removal of the telephony services after considering the response from Guiting Power Parish Council.

The Cabinet Member then introduced the decision within the report prepared by :

- There were many telephone boxes within the District with telephony services but these are largely unused with the widespread use of mobile phones.
- BT had notified the Council on the 19 January 2024 about the proposal to remove the telephony services from the telephone kiosk in Guiting Power.
- BT conducts periodic reviews of telephone use within the kiosks. For the kiosk under consideration within the report, there were only 3 uses within a year which triggered the proposal to remove the telephony services.
- In line with OFCOM process, Guiting Power Parish Council were consulted by the Council on the proposal received from BT and responded by email (attached at Annex D) that they did not object to the removal of the telephony services.

Decision

The Cabinet Member considered the recommendations of the officer and resolved to AGREE the officer's recommendation to submit the Council's consultation response of no objection to the removal of the telephony services from the kiosk.

Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety Decision Meeting
18/March2024

Reason for Decision of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services

The Cabinet Member agreed to the decision as the telephone kiosk removal was made in line with OFCOM guidance. It was also noted that the low use of the telephony services and without objection from Guiting Power Parish Council meant that the decision would not pose a significant loss to the community.

ACTIONS BY:

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Chair

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