

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2019/20  
Decision No.  
2169

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 February 2020

<b>Portfolio</b>	Policy & Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Adoption of BT Telephone Box in Sarisbury Green</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Leisure and Community
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Protect and enhance the environment

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to adopt a traditional red BT telephone box in Sarisbury Green.

The growth of the mobile phone industry has inevitably meant that telephone box usage has dropped dramatically, and nearly half of the telephone boxes in the UK have been removed.

BT are currently offering local authorities the opportunity to adopt traditional red telephone boxes in their area under the BT Adopt a Kiosk programme, to be either kept as a heritage feature or to be used by the community for an alternative use. If the telephone box is not adopted, then it will be removed at some point in the future by BT.

The red telephone box in Sarisbury Green is located on a small area of grass, on Bridge Road that sits within a protected conservation area.

#### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the Council adopts the red telephone box in Sarisbury Green in accordance with the conditions outlined in the report; and
- (b) an allocation of £600 to bring the telephone box up to a good state of repair and secure it, and £500 per annum for maintenance and repair is set aside in the Community Funding Budget; and

(c) notes the offer made by Sarisbury Residents' Association to paint the box this summer.

**Reason:**

To retain the iconic red telephone box as a heritage feature in a protected conservation area.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)  
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