

Report of the Chief Executive

THEFT OF BICYCLES1. Purpose of report

To inform Committee of the current position regarding bicycle theft in the Borough.

2. Detail

From August 2018 to July 2021 there have been 544 bike thefts across the Borough.

FROM	TO	NUMBER
August 2018	July 2019	255
August 2019	July 2020	155
August 2020	July 2021	134

Thefts are predominantly in the south of the Borough with Beeston showing the highest incidence.

The three-year trend is downwards overall however the highest rates in all three years are in Beeston.

This may be due to an increase in cycle ownership and use in the Beeston area due to its easy access to the city and a range of other public transport options which enable the use of cycles as a means of travel which are unavailable in the rest of the Borough. Higher numbers of students living in Beeston may also have an impact of these figures.

There are free covered and open bike stands at key points throughout the borough some of which are provided by businesses and most of which are well lit with many in our town centre's covered by CCTV.

There is also a secure cycle parking facility provided by Citycard Cycles at Beeston Station (£5.25 annually) and at Tram terminus points which are also well lit and covered by CCTV.

An overview of security Interventions relating to cycles which have been taken over the last five years are attached in the appendix.

Recommendation:

Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers: Nil