

Report of the Chief Executive

CYCLE THEFT PREVENTION ACTION PLAN1. Purpose of report

To present to Committee the new Cycle Theft Prevention Action Plan and associated funding request for approval.

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.

All members have been contacted to establish their plans for the promotion of cycle theft prevention and to capture any planned prevention events and these appear in the action plan.

3. Financial implications

The total funding required to deliver the action plan is £2,500, including the provision of 500 cycle marking kits (£1,500) and a similar number of 'D locks' (£1,000). There is no provision within the 2021/22 revenue budget for this project. If Members were minded to support this scheme an allocation would be required from the remaining 2021/22 revenue contingencies, of which £25,000 is presently available, or a one-off draw from General Fund balances.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. RESOLVE that the Cycle Theft Prevention Action Plan and associated funding be approved; and**
- 2. RECOMMEND that the Finance and Resources Committee approve supplementary funding of £2,500 to deliver the plan.**

Background papers: Nil