

Question: PQ22.01 & PQ22.02

Cabinet – 24th January 2023

Re: Agenda item 22 - Combined E-scooter & E-bike on-street rental scheme

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Background:

It is very welcome that Cllr Alexander has brought forward this proposal that will greatly improve Bristol's sustainable transport offer - thanks very much for your work on this.

Given how difficult it is to do anything to the highway without it becoming animate, shrieking then recoiling in horror that it won't just be just being used for being parked or driven on by cars, it would be good to understand the scale of the challenge for financing the move to on-street parking of e-bikes and e-scooters. To illustrate this challenge, I found a figure that there are over 2,650 e-scooters in operation in the West of England area.

Question 1: Given the high cost of TROs and other legal processes, how much would it cost for all hireable e-scooters and e-bikes in Bristol to be parked on-street rather than in the current parking spots?

Question 2: Wouldn't it be easier to just allow other objects (that aren't cars) to be present in parking bays? Can't we just turn a blind eye and let the new operator do this?