

**Question: CQ22.03 & CQ22.04**

**Cabinet – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

**Question submitted by: Cllr Emma Edwards**

**Background:**

I am really pleased to read this item, I think the provision of on-street parking for e-scooters is long overdue and very welcome news.

I am also really pleased to see plans for another trial of e-bikes; as the equalities impact states, e-bikes are more accessible than e-scooters and regular bike rentals and are more appealing to older people. It was really encouraging to see how many journeys have been taken by Voi and how successful the scheme has been, and that parking and safety issues are being address. However, Bristol's history of e-bike rental has not been as successful in the past, which I think is a real shame.

Given that the last couple of e-bike operations have struggled with vandalism, and criticised for not having enough bikes my questions are:

**Question 1:** What measures will be put in place, or asked for from operators, to tackle the issue of vandalism?

**Question 2:** Will you be asking for a minimum number of bikes, and if so, what number will that be?