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Darren Millar, MS

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24 February 2026

Dear Darren

During the Business Statement and Announcement on 10 February, you requested a statement from me regarding bicycle theft on the rail network in Wales, referencing that the British Transport Police's (BTP) new policy on investigating bicycle thefts excludes prosecuting cases where a bicycle has been left for more than two hours or is valued under £200.

Following your remarks, the BTP have written to me to clarify that the policy you referred to was an earlier version of their crime screening policy, which has since been superseded by a revised version on 5 January 2026. The updated policy no longer refers to the value of the bicycle or the length of time it is left. The BTP have confirmed that, where there is a witness and the bicycle is identifiable on CCTV, they will investigate the incident. I have attached a copy of their letter for your information.

We continue to provide funding to the BTP to undertake their vital work across the Wales and Borders rail network. The BTP works closely with Transport for Wales and Network Rail to ensure a cross-industry approach to keeping passengers in Wales safe.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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By email only

12 February 2026

Dear Ms Hutt

I am writing to clarify the British Transport Police (BTP) policy on cycle crime, following the issue being raised by Darren Millar MS in the Senedd on the 10 February.

Mr Millar was referencing an old version of our crime screening policy, which was superseded by a revised version on 5 January 2026. The policy no longer refers to the value of the bicycle or the time that it was left. Where there is a witness, BTP will always investigate a cycle theft and when the bike is identifiable on CCTV we will investigate the crime.

Our force lead on cycle crime would be happy to discuss this matter with you further, if you'd like to contact me (externalaffairs@btp.police.uk) with your availability I can set up a Teams meeting to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Stanton
External Affairs Lead, BTP

CC: Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport