

17.0 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

- 17.1 Personal mobility is central to independent living and quality of life. With this in mind, Islington Council makes application for 2009/10-2011/12 funding to support the continuation of two innovative and already highly successful schemes.

Programme Summary 2009/10 - 2011/12

PROPOSAL	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s	2011/12 £000s	Total £000s
Route 812 Hail-and-Ride	140	140	140	420
ScootAbility mobility scooter loan	90	90	98	278
Total	230	230	238	698

Route 812 Hail-and-Ride

- 17.2 The yellow single-decker buses of the Route 812 Hail-and-Ride service, have low floors and wheelchair access, and can either be flagged down or caught at specific stops. The buses operate at half-hourly intervals, five days a week. Freedom Pass holders can use the service for free, and anyone else can use the service for £1 (cash fare) per journey. Children travel for free.
- 17.3 Route 812 has evolved from the PlusBus network funded by a DfT Urban Bus Challenge grant between 2004/05 and 2006/07. Islington Council has been working with operators Hackney Community Transport and TfL to prepare the route for possible adoption into the TfL bus network. In the meantime, the council has provided funding for 2008/09 to keep this innovative service afloat.
- 17.4 With this application, the council seeks TfL funding to continue the service into 2009/10 and beyond. Alternatively, the council encourages TfL to consider complementing their mainstream bus network with local accessible bus routes like the 812.

ScootAbility mobility scooter loan scheme

- 17.5 The ScootAbility mobility scooter loan scheme aims to improve the quality of life of older and disabled people through mobility, providing an innovative approach to increasing independence and reducing social exclusion. It is an award-winning service (ScootAbility won the London Transport Award Winner for Project Innovation 2007 and the National Transport Award for Project Innovation 2006) that offers the short-term loan of Personal Mobility Vehicles (PMVs) such as scooters and power chairs to Camden and Islington residents (aged 16+) with mobility impairments.
- 17.6 Camden and Islington residents with disabilities and mobility impairments are able to loan PMVs like mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs for up to three days at a time. Unlike other scooter loan schemes, ScootAbility delivers and collects the vehicles from the homes of service users. Training on vehicle use, home safety assessments and related support are also provided as part of the service.
- 17.7 ScootAbility contributes to the Mayor's Transport Strategy for London – specifically accessibility policies 4N.19, 4O.31, 4O.12. ScootAbility also contributes to a reduction in CO₂ emissions due to the use of rechargeable electrically powered batteries.

Baseline Submission Form

- 17.8 The supporting information set out in this document has been compiled to provide more comprehensive descriptions of the proposed schemes outlined briefly in the 2009/10 to 2011/12 Baseline Submission Forms submitted separately to TfL and available for download from the council's website.

Sustainable Transport Strategy (STS) References

- 17.9 Islington's Local Implementation Plan, the Sustainable Transport Strategy (STS), was approved by the Mayor of London in October 2006 and adopted by the council in December 2006. It is available for download from the council's website. The proposals set out in this bid document will contribute towards the following objectives and policies of the STS:

- Chapter 3, STS policy AC1, AC3
- Chapter 4, STS proposal AS5, AS6
- Chapter 7, PI LIP10a, LIP10b, LIP25
- Appendix A, Table A.6
- Appendix B, Form 17