

Appendix C

The Council is determined to tackle poverty and reduce inequality in Islington. As a result, it makes extensive efforts to support especially those who are vulnerable or less well-off to thrive in the borough. By way of illustration, this appendix provides a non-exhaustive list of some of the types of financial support and other discounts which Islington Council offers residents at different stages of their lives.

From the cradle to the grave – a lifetime of support

What we offer	Reason
Early years childcare subsidy	Making early education available for the borough's children
Free school meals for all primary school children	Support children's health and education whilst tackling poverty
Lunch bunch – free meals in school holidays	Tackling holiday hunger among children
School uniform grants	Providing children with necessary clothing for school
11 free cultural experiences for Islington schoolchildren by Year 11	Providing access to the wealth of cultural activity available in the borough
£1 junior swim	Allowing for children to swim cheaply across all pools at all times for their wellbeing
Free summer swimming lessons	Providing five 30-minute lessons to 1,200 young people for their wellbeing and safety
100 hours experience of the world of work by 16	Preparing our children for employment
Post-16 education bursary	Enabling continued studies for qualifying Islington students past the age of 16 by awarding a £300 bursary
Council Tax exemption for foster carers	Encouraging foster carers for children and adults by awarding a full exemption
Council Tax exemption for care leavers	Helping care leavers to transition into independent living up to the age of 25 by awarding a full exemption
Disabled facilities grant	Enabling adults and children to lead independent lives through adaptations in their homes
Home renovation grant	Making necessary major repairs
Accidents in the home grant	Preventing likely accidents in the home through repairs
Home from hospital grant	Supporting home repairs that prevent people leaving hospital from planned treatment or an emergency
Hoarding grant	Helping vulnerable clients in private dwellings with significant hoarding

Dementia grant	Providing facilities or minor adaptations to the home
Armed forces support	Disregarding war widows or war disablement allowance to increase housing benefit, council tax support and social care assessments
Disabled provision grant	Creating accommodation for disabled people through private housing partnerships
Empty property grant	Working with owners/landlords to create new accommodation through private housing partnerships
Housing under-occupation grant	Helping people moving from homes to allow larger families to move in
Housing rent-deposit scheme	Paying rent deposits for people at risk of homelessness
Discretionary Housing Payments	Providing, through the Resident Support Scheme, extra housing cost support for housing benefit or universal credit claimants
Crisis Support	Providing, through the Resident Support Scheme, crisis support for people needing assistance with food, some clothing and energy charges
Community Care Support	Providing, through the Resident Support Scheme, support for independent living in the form of items such as white goods, beds and furniture
Council Tax Welfare Support	Providing, through the Resident Support Scheme, support for people struggling to pay their council tax
Concessionary leisure memberships	Providing a reduction for nearly half of the 23,000 leisure membership
Free swimming for over 60s	Providing access for older people 7 days a week.
Safe and warm grant	Providing boiler replacement, predominantly for the over 60s
Council Tax older people's discount	Reducing by £100 the council tax bill for all over 65s