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Dear Nyron Johnston,

#### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information received by the Council on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012. It has been assessed and the following information is provided in response:

**As part of his campaign for re-election as Mayor of London, Boris Johnson promised to make the Freedom Pass available to everyone from age 60.**

**When - how soon - is this change to be introduced?**

**Will those over 60 now be able to claim refunds for their public transport fares in London since May 3rd 2012?**

**How will the change be implemented - at present each London councils is responsible?**

**Will the pass be usable only in London, or will it permit travel on local buses outside London?**

**How much will this scheme cost the taxpayer?**

**How will it be funded - presumably London taxpayers will pay - whether it is funded by TfL or by the councils themselves?**

**How much extra Council Tax will those liable have to pay on average to provide free travel on public transport to everyone from age 60, including many in full time work?**

**What is the justification for this new burden on the taxpayer, including those who are not in work?**

We do not have this information. The 60+ pass is not a Freedom Pass and the scheme will be funded and administered by TfL on behalf of the Mayor; the boroughs will not be paying for it. You may wish to address your questions to the Mayor's office. Further information can be found at:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/travelandtransport/publictransport/busandcoachtravel/dg\\_10036264](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/travelandtransport/publictransport/busandcoachtravel/dg_10036264)

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Yours sincerely,

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