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Dear Gus

**CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS COUNCIL (CSSC): CHADWICK STREET
RECREATION CENTRE, LONDON**

I am writing to let you know about changes to the way the Civil Service Sports Council (CSSC) provides activities for its members in London.

CSSC is looking to extend its programme of activities to members across the whole of the London Region rather than concentrating, as at present, on providing them from one central London base, the Chadwick Street Recreation Centre (CSRC) in Westminster. Over the past few years, the cost of running the CSRC has escalated significantly and income, particularly from conferences, has declined. This has meant that the CSRC running costs have taken a larger and larger proportion of the £300,000 annual grant available for London members.

In the light of the above factors, the CSSC Management Board has decided to close CSRC by June 2011. This will release funds for an enhanced, and more widely distributed, programme of activities in London.


Whilst the closure will be unwelcome to some of our members who use CSRC, we believe that the new arrangements will provide better value for money. It will also increase the range and accessibility of our provision in London. We do though expect to be able to provide the activities currently carried out at CSRC elsewhere in central London. We will be consulting with those involved to achieve this end.

It is likely that closure will lead to rumours about the financial position of CSSC. However, I can reassure you that the organisation is financially secure. The CSRC decision is about making better use of our resources for the benefit of our members.

Marian Holmes, the CSSC Chief Executive is available to provide further information if required. Marian can be contacted at marian.holmes@cssc.co.uk or on 01494 888 450.

I am copying this letter to Wednesday morning colleagues.

Best wishes.

Yours ever

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