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**CSSC CHADWICK STREET RECREATION CENTRE (CSRC)**


The members of CSSC Management Board (MB) have carefully considered the submission made by the London Management Board (LMB) Closure Working Group, along with the other correspondence exchanged between LMB colleagues and CSSC nationally, regarding the above subject. In doing so, they took account of the pressures currently faced by CSSC, past experience in relation to clubs and club closures and the factors likely to impact on CSRC's operations in the medium to longer term. The overwhelming view of the Board is that the original closure proposal made in December 2010 should stand and that CSRC should close by June 2011.

I recognise that this decision will be extremely disappointing for the members who use CSRC regularly and the volunteers who have played an important part in developing the facility. In considering whether to revise or delay the closure proposal, the MB concluded that CSRC could not continue to operate without using a very significant proportion, if not all, of the London membership grant. The MB did not consider this to be an appropriate use of CSSC London's funds given the need to provide a varied programme of activities to attract and retain members across the whole of the Region. Equally, the MB could not agree to additional central funding of London at a time when CSSC's own finances are under pressure from the annual reduction in the Cabinet Office grant and staffing reductions in the Civil Service.

Moving forward, CSSC staff will now look to work with LMB colleagues to maximise the opportunities that exist for members in London. This work will of course continue to focus on re-providing for as many of the activities currently staged at CSRC as possible, as well as looking at new ways of delivering more and better provision.

In closing, I must stress that whilst making this decision, the MB members recognised the tremendous commitment to CSRC and the passion amongst those involved for retaining it. They appreciated the very considerable contribution made by volunteers to CSRC over many years. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank all those involved. I hope that they, and others, will work together as we enter what will be a new and hopefully exciting era for CSSC in London.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely  
  
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