

Civil Service Table Tennis Club under grave threat of closure
UPDATE 23/06/18

We are delighted that, after a coachload of Bristol CSSC members attended the CSSC AGM in Birmingham on 12th June, and much post-AGM negotiation with the Chairman and CEO of the Civil Service Sports Council, the Bristol club has been granted a reprieve until the end of April 2019. This means that our venue is guaranteed for all our winter season league matches. Thank you to everyone who has written emails in support of our campaign – it is not over yet, as we now have to produce a strong business plan to prove the viability of the whole CSSC club (not just the table tennis section) for the next three years and beyond. We would welcome your input!

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You may have heard that the Board and Resources Committee of CSSC has proposed the closure of the Bristol Civil Service Table Tennis Club in September. We would really value your help in our fight to challenge this proposal and would appreciate it if you could register your support by emailing handsoffourclub@bristolcssc.co.uk with your comments.

You might want to include in your email some views on:

- the importance of the Civil Service club in the B&DTTA (we are the biggest club, with 13 teams across all the divisions)
- the loss to table tennis locally and regionally
- your understanding of what it will mean for 13 teams plus non-team members to be seeking new clubs across Bristol
- any memories you have of playing at the club
- the importance of giving people opportunities to participate regularly in sport
- other personal observations

With thanks for your help, and hoping that it will be business as usual on Filton Avenue in the new winter season –

Charlotte Taylor, Bristol Civil Service Table Tennis Club Publicity Officer