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To all members of the executive committee,

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I am writing this letter in order to inform the whole of the executive committee about a very important incident that occurred during the meeting of the non-staff exec. on the 26th of Sep. As you will know, the meeting was going to discuss Sandy's post review. Since a member of the Building Committee, I have been closely involved with all matters concerning the relocation project of the LFMC, as well as with the side effects arising from it. I was interested in attending the discussion, which I find related to the building issues, having some points to add myself.

To my surprise and worry, certain members of the exec. objected to that. I was forced to leave, on the poor excuse that not everybody had been informed about this meeting, so it would be unfair of me to attend, being the only non-staff, non-exec., member of the Co-op. I have never ever heard of a 'private' executive meeting, within the practices of the Co-op. (Apart of course of the interview panels which are confidential).

This incident is very alarming to me, since it clearly shows that not all members of the current exec. are aware of the democratic and constitutional rights of the general members. Practices that should never be in doubt, especially from members of the executive. The above meeting was not of any confidential character and should have been open to all members of the Co-op interested, as are all meetings, and most important, it was not my fault that the no-staff exec. were meeting without having informed other members. Obviously that itself puts the validity of the whole meeting in doubt.

I would be expecting a clarification of this point by the whole body of the executive. Individual letters which have not been read by the whole of the exec. are considered invalid.

Since I was not allowed to stay in the meeting, I would like to present some points concerning the proposed review.

1. I believe that the review should not take place before the E.G.M on the 12th of Oct., since it is closely related to the building crisis. This may be disputed by some, but to me, it is more than apparent that this review is politically triggered from matters arising from the building project.

2. I personally have no objection to staff reviews, but I do have objections in conducting private non-members, non-staff exec. members, in order to address subjects that affect the whole of the Co-op. Not only internally, but externally as well - need I mention the BFI ?.

These matters are not confidential - they are very important and should involve as many voices as possible.

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