

62980 Braidwood Community Centre

I would like to request the following information relating to the future management of Braidwood Community Centre:

How many organisations submitted bids or expressions of interest to manage Braidwood Community Centre?

There were eight expressions of interest initially. Six of those groups submitted bids.

Please provide the names of all organisations that submitted bids.

The six bidders were as follows:

- Intercultural Connections Initiative
- The Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust (EOTDT)
- Intercultural Youth Scotland (IYS)
- Mosaic Pathways CIC
- MA Learning/Braidwood Student Group
- School of Ancient Crafts

Please provide the assessment criteria used to evaluate the bids.

Please refer to the attached marketing particulars.

Third-party personal information has been redacted from the document provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please provide the scoring awarded to each bid.

Not applicable. No scoring mechanism was used.

Please provide copies of the submitted bids, with any genuinely commercially sensitive or personal information redacted if necessary.

Copies of the submitted bids shall not be provided on this occasion. They are withheld under Section 33(1)(b) - Commercial interests and the economy.

Please provide the names and job titles of those involved in assessing the bids.

Rather than specific named individuals, the Council Teams involved in the process were Estates and Community Power and Engagement.

Has a residents' group or community-led organisation been invited or given the opportunity to submit a bid? If not, why not?

The marketing exercise was an open process. Anyone, including residents' groups and community-led organisations, who was interested in taking the building on for Community use was invited to submit a bid.

Has Edinburgh Council considered a Community Asset Transfer or another community-led management model for Braidwood Community Centre?

The City of Edinburgh Council has not been approached by any groups of individuals with a Community Asset Transfer proposal for the Braidwood.

When is the final decision due to be made?

This is to be made in September 2026 by the Finance and Resources Committee.

Will residents have an opportunity to comment on the proposed operator before a final decision is taken?

The 'Meet and Greet' held on the 20/06/2026 was the opportunity for residents to meet the four preferred bidders and make any comments.