## **Policy and Sustainability Committee**

#### 10.00am, Tuesday, 23 May 2023

# The UK's Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum (UKREiiF) - Attendance

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#### 1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Policy and Sustainability Committee notes that the Council Leader attended UKREiiF (the UK's Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum) on 16 and 17 May 2023, having consulted other political group leaders in advance.

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Report

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#### 2. Executive Summary

2.1 Committee is asked to note that the Council Leader attended the UKREiiF (the UK's Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum) event held in Leeds on 16 and 17 May, having consulted other political group leaders in advance.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 UKREiiF is an event held in Leeds each year that attracts professionals in the real estate sector, and which has grown in popularity in recent years.
- 3.2 The Council has previously attended events of this type for the purpose of promoting the city, attracting investors, and learning about best practice in other cities in delivering their development and regeneration plans.

#### 4. Main report

- 4.1 UKREiiF took place in Leeds from 16 to 18 May 2023. The event was attended by representatives from most of the UK's cities and regions. The Scottish Cities Alliance (SCA) attended, and many Scottish cities had elected member representation.
- 4.2 It was therefore considered appropriate that the Council Leader should be in attendance to represent Edinburgh and promote the city on 16 and 17 May 2023. In advance of the Council Leader attending this event, political Group Leaders were consulted.

#### 5. Next Steps

5.1 There are no further steps required at this stage. Attendance at next year's conference will be considered and, if Elected Member attendance is expected, approval will be sought in advance.

#### 6. Financial impact

6.1 The cost of the Council Leader attending the conference was £166.70 inclusive of travel and accommodation.

#### 7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 There are no direct impacts arising from the Council Leader's attendance at this conference, although, it is expected that it will help to foster good relations with potential investors and result in learning that could help inform the Council's approach to development and regeneration.

#### 8. Background reading/external references

8.1 None.

#### 9. Appendices

9.1 None