

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 11 March 2024

Attendance at UKREiiF 2025

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Policy and Sustainability Committee agrees attendance of the Council Leader at the 2025 UKREiiF Conference.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 UKREiiF (the UK's Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum) is an event held in Leeds each year that attracts professionals in the real estate sector.
- 2.2 This report requests approval for the Council Leader to attend the UKREiiF 2025 Conference in Leeds and sets out the reasons for attendance.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council has, in the past, attended UKREiiF and other events of this type for the purpose of promoting the city, attracting investors, and learning about best practice in other cities delivering their development and regeneration plans.

4. Main report

- 4.1 UKREiiF will take place in Leeds on 20 to 22 May 2025. The overall programme for the event covers a range of different areas of relevance to the Council. It is anticipated that the event will be well attended by local authorities, government agencies, investors, developers and other professionals in the property and infrastructure sectors. A link to the conference programme is provided in the Background Reading section below.
- 4.2 The Scottish Cities Alliance (SCA) will be in attendance and are preparing a programme of activity which the Council will participate in. In addition, there are other speaker and panel member opportunities being offered to the Council, which will allow attendees to promote Edinburgh.
- 4.3 As UKREiiF will be attended by other Scottish and UK local authority leaders, it is considered appropriate that the Council Leader should be in attendance to represent Edinburgh and promote the city. Council officers will also be in attendance.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Feedback will be shared with Committee following the event.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total cost of the Council Leader attending the conference will in the region of £200 relating primarily to travel expenses but inclusive of all costs associated with Council Leader attendance. The Council has already agreed to participate with SCA at UKREiiF. As result, a ticket for the event is available for the Council Leader.

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 There is no direct impact arising from the Council Leader's attendance at this conference although it would be hoped 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. This in turn could assist the Council in tackling inequality and poverty in the city.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 Travel to and from the event will be by train in line with Council policy and therefore minimising direct impacts arising from attendance.
- 8.2 In terms of indirect benefit, attendance at the conference should result in learning in relation to sustainable development and would therefore help to inform decision making in relation to Climate and Nature Emergency activity.

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 Attendance at UKREiiF does not give rise to any significant risks and is appropriate activity having regard to the Council policy, compliance and governance frameworks.
- 9.2 There is not considered to be any direct community impact although it is hoped that attendance will result in learning that can inform approaches to development and regeneration including community engagement.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [UKREiiF 2025 Programme](#)

11. Appendices

None.