



MINUTES OF THE CHARGEUK POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
13 February 2024, 11:00-12:00

ACTIONS

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1	Members to feedback on Connection Actions Plan and PAS1899 Review Group meeting one (interpretation)	Members

ITEM ONE
WEEKLY UPDATE

1. DAN SIMPSON flagged the competition policy. Vicky noted today's discussion was on accessibility.
2. DAN SIMPSON spoke on current priorities and noted upcoming deadlines. Thanks to all members who provided comments on the RCF paper, this will be submitted this week. ChargeUK caught up with DfT officials last week, and we are waiting for an update on when the response to the RCF consultation will be published. It was noted that Ian and Dan had a positive meeting with the Prime Minister's SPAD in No10 yesterday to discuss the 'Barriers' report.
3. Updating on the meeting with the Minister last year, it was noted that the Minister will now be having a meeting with the Chief Executives of local authorities and has asked for ChargeUK for a set of points to discuss. DAN SIMPSON updated on the Connections Action Plan noting that OZEV have updated us with their policy actions. The actions are reflect some progress and will be shared later on in the meeting.
4. VICKY READ asked when the deadline for feedback on the Minister's meeting with local authorities was. DAN noted that a draft will be circulated this week and members should feedback no later than next week.
5. Updating on CX and accessibility, it was noted that JARROD BIRCH and the Secretariat recently met with OZEV to discuss this topic. The Secretariat have circulated the FAQ document and members are encouraged to feedback as soon as possible ahead of the next session with OZEV AND OPSS. It was noted that OZEV and Zapmap have been invited to view a members' live environment to allow them to see this in person. JAMES MCKEMEY asked whether this was about open data or live environments. It was noted that it was both.
6. RICHARD STOBART asked whether this would be one of the bigger members. DAN SIMPSON confirmed that although it was a larger operator, it was not the largest.

7. DAN SIMPSON noted that ChargeUK have been approached by FairCharge regarding signing a joint VAT letter ahead of the budget. ChargeUK would ideally like to be a part of it and will seek to propose some changes that will align with ChargeUK policies.
8. Updating on RTFO, members were thanked for their feedback on the latest paper. It was noted that there is an appetite right now for progressing this area, and the Secretariat will continue to develop the current paper with any feedback received. JAMES MCKEMEY questioned where the appetite was coming from with DAN SIMPSON noting that the Labour Party have indicated their interest.
9. DAN SIMPSON updated on the ongoing workshops with NGED., noting that they will be holding some one-to-one sessions with CPOs. The Secretariat have circulated the slots for this and there are still some opportunities to get involved. Members are encouraged to get in touch if this is of interest.
10. VICKY READ flagged that the Terminology and On-Street Group meetings have been scheduled. The Market Development Group was noted to be on Thursday.

ITEM TWO

Accessibility - PAS1899

11. VICKY READ updated members that ChargeUK have been given a seat at the PAS1899 roundtable. The Secretariat will be representing ChargeUK going forward. Members are encouraged to inform the Secretariat with any concerns beforehand so that this can be relayed back in the meetings. It was noted that there may be some opportunity in the future to set up some one-to-one sessions. It was noted that the first PAS1899 meeting would be on interpretation.
12. JARROD BIRCH asked if there's any representation of hardware manufacturers in the group. VICKY READ noted that there is representation, but it is limited. If members are concerned about whether there is a missing voice in the group, please do flag this with us. Vicky noted that there is a lack of representation for local authorities and for car manufacturers.
13. VICKY READ noted that if we don't communicate our concerns accurately and with the correct nuance, then it is irrelevant what the specs say.
14. VICKY READ spoke through the questions set for the first meeting. JAMES MCKEMEY expressed his discontent with the tone.
15. JARROD BIRCH noted that there was a misconception that this is a standard applying to every bay in the UK as opposed to it being a best practice.
16. RANDAL SMITH questioned whether it can be misinterpreted if it is not a standard - if it is an advisory standard than how it can be mis interpreted? DAN SIMPSON clarified that it could be the type of equipment *that is or is not* PAS compliant. VICKY READ expressed her discontent with the fact that it is the procurer and not the CPO who is in charge of the compliance.

17. VICKY READ encouraged members to submit questions privately to the Secretariat. Feedback to be given by the end of next week.

ITEM THREE

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18. DAN SIMPSON spoke about the Connections Actions Plan, flagging the updates provided by OZEV. The document will be shared with members and members are encouraged to feedback as soon as possible. The document is a good development, but it is still vague. The Secretariat will welcome particular comments on where members feel detail is missing – these will then be highlighted clearly to the Government. Although the actions are a big step forward, it is light on the detail in making it workable.

ANNEX

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Attendees:

Vicky Read, Connected Kerb
Sam Hazeldine, Gridserve
James McKemey, Pod Point
Jarrod Birch, Shell
Tom Hurst, Fastned
Antoine Picron, Chargepoint
Richard Stobart, Char.gy
Wendy Gallagher, ESB
Andreas Atkins, Ionity
Hannah Fairley, Fastned
Liv Gomez, EVC
Marianne Wolff, Wattif
Perran Moon, Believ
Randal Smith, Urban Fox

Secretariat for ChargeUK, Connect:

Dan Simpson
Harry Methley
Matthew Boyd
Krisha Indrakumar