



MINUTES OF THE CHARGEUK POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
17 October, 11:00-12:00

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Welcome and Introductions

1. VICKY READ opened the discussion, noting that today's discussion was on the barriers paper.

ITEM TWO

Weekly Update

2. DAN SIMPSON provided an update on RCE flagging that the position paper has now been shared with the Government. The consultation on the main fund will open in the autumn and run until around April next year.
3. It was noted that consumer regs and the accessibility workstream will be the topic of discussion at next week's PCG. Consumer regs will be debated in the Commons on 24 October, coming into force with the King's speech on 7 November. The Secretariat will share a note on the topic ahead of next week's meeting. On terminology, the Secretariat are meeting with OZEV and Zapmap on Thursday. The XST meeting on 1 November was also flagged, noting that it will be focused on an overview of the charging sector.
4. DAN SIMPSON noted that the Secretariat will share the forward plan for future PCG meetings following the meeting.

ITEM TWO

Barriers – Final Paper and Next Steps

5. DAN SIMPSON introduced the discussion on the barriers paper. Today's discussion will highlight the changes made in the final paper and where further engagement with members is required. There will also be an overview of our plan for stakeholder engagement.
6. OLIVIA RYAN noted how the grouping of some of the solutions has changed but the rest of the paper is essentially the same. There has been a streamlining of key points and inclusion of member's comments where possible. OLIVIA noted that case studies are still needed, specifically on grid connections, local authority guidance and delayed highway notices and how this has added time to a project. All case studies will be anonymised as much as possible but it is important for the paper to have a wide range, along with key statistics.
7. MARTINA HUNT asked whether this version of the paper had been shared before. DAN SIMPSON clarified that it has been shared but has now been designed up in preparation to be shared with external stakeholders. DAN re-iterated the importance of case studies, noting that the media will respond better with these included. MARTINA noted she will get some case studies over to the Secretariat this week.
8. HARRY METHLEY spoke on the next steps and how the paper will be launched. HARRY spoke through the slide deck (saved in the shared members drive). The three broad sections were noted as the current landscape, who we want to speak to and what we want to say. HARRY spoke on the engagement plan noting the categorisation of stakeholders as high, mid and low. It was noted that some stakeholders are particularly vital to the roll out, whilst others are not essential. Stakeholders who have been categorised as 'high' will be met with in hope of getting their approval on the final barriers paper. There is also potential for a possible roundtable with 'high' stakeholders to talk about policy proposals in the paper.
9. HARRY METHLEY spoke through the next steps, of which this includes the full launch and future media plan. Members flagged that DLUHC and HMT should also be briefed, and it was noted that they would be included as part of the stakeholder list.
10. VICKY READ asked for any reflections or suggestions from members. VICKY flagged that if ChargeUK were going to boil down on some policy suggestions to transform them into a headline, what suggestions would we use and what might these be. It is also important to understand what the asks of some of these companies and organisations were. VICKY also asked whether the roundtable would take place at the same time as when the paper goes live or beforehand.
11. DAN SIMPSON noted that we need to get a high level of engagement done as an immediate priority first, then think about other forms of engagement. VICKY questioned whether it is worth doing this in advance given the fact that diaries can be problematic, as well as giving some thought to who would be at the roundtable. DAN clarified that invitees would be the stakeholders noted in the 'high' and 'mid' categories. Given the fact the summer reception never occurred, VICKY noted that this could be ChargeUK's event of the year.

12. VICKY READ re-flagged the question on headlines. JAMES MILLAR spoke on the code of conduct noted in the paper. This can potentially be given to the Sunday Times, and can be flagged as something to be noted for Monday coverage.
13. VICKY READ noted that the key ask from the paper is collaboration. JAMES MCKEMEY spoke on how the comms opportunity from the paper is possibly even bigger than the policy asks. It is an opportunity for ChargeUK to step up and own something quite high profile.
14. IAN JOHNSTON noted that the risk of the barrier work is less than it was before. VICKY READ noted that the 'prize' or what is being gained from the work needs to be outlined in the paper – e.g., all these things will help speed up the roll out through collaboration.
15. There was discussion amongst members regarding the 300,000 figure. It was agreed that ChargeUK don't want to be 'bogged' down with specific figures and instead want to push the messaging that it is about the right charging in the right place.
16. MARTINA HUNT flagged pages 125-127 on the Government's paper on where the 300,000 number came from. It was noted that it was not a target, even though it is being used as one.
17. DAN SIMPSON noted that the Secretariat will send the barriers document following this meeting with the slide deck and next steps. The Secretariat are meeting OZEV next week and this will be shared with them. It would be good if members flag who they are meeting and sharing barriers thoughts with prior to its launch.

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Attendees:

Vicky Read, Connected Kerb
 Martina Hunt, Gridserve
 Sam Hazeldine, Gridserve
 Ian Johnston, Osprey
 Simon Kendrew, Equans
 James McKemey, Pod Point
 Randal Smith, Urban Fox

Laura Hardy, Gridserve
Matthew Enevoldsen, Chargepoint
Liv Gomez, EVC
Antoine Picron, Chargepoint
Randal Smith, Urban Fox
Perran Moon, Believ
Fay Clarke, Shell
Wendy Gallagher, ESB

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