



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

ACTIONS

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1	To share slides with members	Secretariat

ITEM ONE
WEEKLY UPDATE

1. DAN SIMPSON flagged competition policy. Vicky noted today's discussion was on policy priorities for Year 2.
2. DAN SIMPSON spoke on current priorities. On RCF, the Secretariat are currently going through responses, and we will be finalising and circulating the submission paper shortly. The overall feedback has been that the draft is largely in the right place but there have been some comments regarding competition issues. The paper will be re-drafted to reflect these comments. Updating on barriers, the officers and Secretariat met with OZEV and ENA last week on the Connections Plan. We didn't feel like the current actions they were identifying were reflective of our ambitions. To follow up on this, we have a catch up with Bruce Low and DfT this week. We will also now be having bilateral meetings with the ENA. Updating on CX and reliability, OZEV and OPSS have got in touch for a follow up and this will be diarised shortly. Updating on accessibility, it was noted that the Secretariat will take a role at the PAS 1899 group.
3. Members were informed that the House of Lords published their report yesterday and a ChargeUK response will be issued on socials. Our significant engagement with the enquiry has reflected in a good response and we should be pleased with what we have got into the report's findings and recommendations.

ITEM TWO
Policy Priorities for Year 2

4. DAN SIMPSON opened today's discussion, noting that we are approaching the AGM where one of the main items would be to approve the workplan for the year ahead. Dan spoke through the presentation – this can be found in the member shared drive. The six priorities discussed are broad categories, specifying individual policy areas within them.
5. SIMON PICKETT questioned what ChargeUK should be able to share regarding real life examples of issues CPOs experience. Although members may be wary of sharing this with a competitor, it is important that we flag issues with developments early. DAN SIMPSON noted that what we have done to solve this issue so far is that case studied and

data is handed by the Secretariat and members are unable to see other members submission. Case studies are only shared when it is appropriate to do so and when members have given permission. We will continue to engage on informing national policy or improvements to best practice via examples through what has gone wrong.

6. VICKY READ noted that as an association, we do need to find ways to prove our points. Do we have time or resource to make these come to life?
7. DAN SIMPSON spoke through the next slides. When discussing public investment, Dan noted that the HOL report called for LEVI scheme to be extended by three years.
8. JAMES MCKEMEY noted that the bit missing from the public investment priority is the overall grant framework. The incentive of grants should be a policy area that ChargeUK should consider and look further at.
9. VICKY READ agreed with James and noted that it is important that we focus on what a new government can do with public investment.
10. ROSANNA TURNHAM asked whether the Operational Safety Group is about developing best practice. DAN SIMPSON clarified it was initially to help members discuss health and safety issues but will expand.
11. JAMES MCKEMEY noted that it will also be to see if they can pull out policy issues.
12. DAN SIMPSON noted that the horizon scanning priority will be of interest to many new associate members joining.
13. ROSANNA TURNHAM asked whether we have given more thought regarding the prioritisation exercise and making the priorities sharper. DAN SIMPSON noted that we could circulate a poll alongside the slides to see if members have a wish to prioritise. ROSANNA noted that it would be good if we have a small manifesto that outlines what our most vital priorities are and their respective key messages and lines. The manifesto can outline what ChargeUK's main issues are. DAN clarified that we do have priorities for each quarter set out, and these are noted in the slides.
14. JAMES MCKEMEY questioned how we know what ChargeUK's highest priorities are. VICKY READ noted that we do definitely need this five-point plan.
15. DAN SIMPSON noted that we will circulate the slides with members for feedback. Members are encouraged to make comments on prioritisation and what ChargeUK focus should be on.
16. RICHARD STOBART asked for progress on the Anthony Browne letter. DAN SIMPSON updated that we have had their officials backslide on what Browne had promised in the meeting, hence why ChargeUK are following up with DfT officials to understand why there is now a lack of commitment and progress. We will follow up on this and get back to members.

ANNEX ACTIONS

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Attendees:

Vicky Read, Connected Kerb
Sam Hazeldine, Gridserve
Rosanna Turnham, bp pulse
James McKemey, Pod Point
Martina Hunt, Gridserve
Andreas Atkins, Ionity
Jarrod Birch, Shell
Tom Hurst, Fastned
Antoine Picron, Chargepoint
Richard Stobart, Char.gy
Fay Clarke, Shell
Simon Pickett, SSE
Wendy Gallagher, ESB
Agnese Chiesa, Believ
Laura Hardy, Gridserve
Oli Freeling-Wilkinson, Urban Fox

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Dan Simpson
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