

## MINUTES OF THE CHARGEUK POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP 30 January 2024, 11:00-12:00

#### **ACTIONS**

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1	To finalise RCF discussion paper	Secretariat

# ITEM ONE WEEKLY UPDATE

- 1. DAN SIMPSON flagged competition policy. Vicky noted today's discussion was on the RCF and accessibility.
- 2. DAN SIMPSON spoke on priorities. On RCF, the deadline is 5 February for feedback. OZEV are doing a briefing on the consultation tomorrow. Later today, there is a meeting with OZEV, ENA and ChargeUK regarding infrastructure rollout. Updating on CX, it was noted that the Secretariat circulated a note last week. We were hoping that OZEV would sign off the FAQ document, but they didn't ahead of the meeting and it is currently with their legal department. We are going to propose that the OZEV team visit a member's hub and see the issue first-hand, instead of submitting actual data. Showcasing a worked example may be a better solution. The meeting with Scottish Cabinet Secretary last week was noted to be positive.

## RCF

- 3. DAN SIMPSON opened the discussion noting that we had an initial conversation on RCF earlier this month. It is our intention to provide the best consensus position and if we cannot achieve consensus, we will reserve our comments. If members are unable to make comments in this meeting, they were encouraged to come back to the Secretariat directly no later than 5pm Monday 5 February. Dan spoke through the paper shared ahead of the meeting.
- 4. JAMES MCKEMEY noted that the overarching principles are too wordy and that the one of the highest priorities is the one noted last on the list. Speed of deployment is the biggest issue.
- 5. MARTINA HUNT noted that we need to be more mindful of the commercial reality of the MSAOs and wary of sweeping generalisations. Martina noted issues with the coarseness of the language. Dan welcomed any comments on language from members.

- 6. FAY CLARKE spoke on the order of the priority of these principles. It needs to be agreed whether the speed of the deployment of funding is the biggest issue or if ChargeUK believe that the current scheme as it is causes market distortion.
- 7. RICHARD STOBART asked if we had spoken to the CMA. Is it possible to propose a different solution, as opposed to just saying we object. DAN noted that we submitted to the CMA subsidy unit regarding the pilot fund last year.
- 8. MARTINA HUNT noted that if we say someone else should apply for funding, we need to set out the criteria for them.
- 9. ROSANNA TURNHAM noted that it may be worth just giving a simple answer to certain questions.
- 10. JAMES MCKEMEY noted that we don't want to make the inclusion of HGVs prevent anything happening at all. This needs to be spelled out clearly.
- 11. DAN SIMPSON spoke on tiered approach for the model. JAMES MCKEMEY spoke on the EU model for RCF.
- 12. MARTINA HUNT noted that we need to put stuff in the consultation that can actually get results. The EU model may not suit the UK market.
- 13. ROSANNA TURNHAM would advise against the UK government from copying and pasting the EU model.
- 14. ROSANNA TURNHAM suggested we inform OZEV our rationale regarding the last section.
- 15. VICKY READ noted that we do need to think about our industry position with this response and looking at prioritising what we think is important.
- 16. VICKY READ reported back on PAS1899/BSI group and about how we take part in this moving forward. CPOs only have 1 seat out of 12 via ChargeUK. The next meeting is in February and it would be good to have a paper that we can all agree and work on.
- 17. ROSANNA TURNHAM spoke on possible budget submissions and influencing.

## ANNEX ACTIONS

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Attendees:

Vicky Read, Connected Kerb

Sam Hazeldine, Gridserve
Fay Clarke, Shell
Rosanna Turnham, bp pulse
Oli Freeling-Wilkinson, Urban Fox
James McKemey, PodPoint
Martina Hunt, Gridserve
Tom Hurst, Fastned
Liv Gomez, EVC
Simon Kendrew, Equans
Hannah Fairley
Karl Anders, Mer
Richard Stobart, Char.gy

Secretariat for ChargeUK, Connect: Dan Simpson James Millar Krisha Indrakumar