



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

ACTIONS

ACTION	DETAILS	OWNER
1	To share a RCF discussion paper	Secretariat

ITEM ONE

AGM and Budget

1. ROSANNA asked everyone to introduce themselves and then asked HARRY METHLEY to run through the recent AGM and the Budget.
2. HARRY METHLEY provided the group with feedback from the most recent AGM. Chris ... Wals elected as Chair and the elections for officers also took place. It was noted that there is one space left on the board and the newly elected officers are discussing the vacancy. It is expected that there will be another election for the last vacancy shortly. At the AGM ChargeUK's priorities were also agreed and how to progress each policy. The six new workstreams were agreed upon.
3. GUY raised a concern that the Chair of ChargeUK should not conflate the role as CEO of another organisation as it should not be public that they hold both roles. It was raised that this could undermined the independence and integrity of the organisation.
4. HARRY METHLEY provided an overview of the Budget on 6th March. It was noted that the budget was underwhelming for the sector as no mention was made of EV charging. It was noted that ChargeUK had signed the FairCharge letter which was delivered to the Chancellor prior to the budget to request the equalisation of VAT on charging.
5. ROSANNA raised the idea of producing a formal budget submission prior to the next fiscal event.

ITEM TWO

LOOKING AHEAD

6. ROSANNA noted the progress that has been made in the past year and the recognition nationally that ChargeUK has received. It was noted that the Year Two workstreams had been established and that she is keen to advocate for ChargeUK's core asks that could be implemented into a manifesto for each workstream. This needs to the focus of the policy group. ROSANNA opened up the discussion on whether the group agreed with a concept of a manifesto to be issued prior to the publication of party manifestos and what that would look like?

7. DAN SIMPSON spoke on consumer experience, of which this covers PCP regulations, accessibility, safety and consumer complaints. DAN SIMPSON opened for broader conversation from members.
8. JAMES MCKEMEY spoke about insurance. The challenge we have is the fire risk issue that is preventing insulation. It is a practical blocker to insulation, as opposed to it being a commercial issue. It needs to be moved to infrastructure deployment.
9. VICKY READ spoke on grading the priorities and things we need to do proactive original work on.
10. ROSANNA TURNHAM noted that it would be useful to map out where solutions exist. DAN SIMPSON noted that OZEV feel like the Plan for Drivers gives room and scope for recommendations to be moved forward. We know that with issues such as RTFO and VAT, there is no immediate lever to pull.
11. SIMON PICKETT noted that we need to consider the context of the political situation. We need to consider how we focus in and dedicate some of that resource over the election period. He spoke on global market changes and how this has changed in North America. DAN SIMPSON said we need to bare in mind that this will be a year of great government distraction.
12. SIMON KENDREW noted that we won't have capacity to do all topics but we need to prioritise the key themes and objectives. We do need to recognise there is a lot there.
13. VICKY READ noted that it doesn't have to be the same group every week to do this, we can be smart about how we go about tackling this.
14. JAMES MCKEMEY spoke on Market Development and the collation of key stats and likened this to the SMMT. We do need to focus on using members to provide real insight about charging. DAN SIMPSON noted that positioning us as a source of information is important but does depend on every member willing to participate in it.
15. SIMON PICKETT noted that there are data sources available that doesn't require members to do too much work on this. It would be good to have a messaging document.
16. DAN SIMPSON noted that we will incorporate comments into final plan that will be shared ahead of the AGM.

ANNEX A ACTIONS

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Attendees:

Vicky Read, Connected Kerb

Martina Hunt, Gridserve

James McKemey, PodPoint

Randal Smith, Urban Fox

Matthew Enevoldson

Perran Moon

Jarrold Birch

Andreas Atkins

Liv Gomez

Oli Freeling-Wilkinson

Simon Kendrew

Fay Clarke

Simon Pickett

Antoine Picron

Wendy Gallagher

Rosanna Turnham

Richard Stobart

Secretariat for ChargeUK, Connect:

Dan Simpson

Harry Methley

James Millar

Krishna Indrakumar