



MINUTES OF THE CHARGEUK POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

9 January 2024, 11:00-12:00

ACTIONS

ACTION	DETAILS	OWNER
1	To share a RCF discussion paper	Secretariat

ITEM ONE WEEKLY UPDATE

1. VICKY READ opened the discussion, noting today's topic was on policy priorities for 2024 ahead of the AGM in February.
2. DAN SIMPSON noted the competition policy. Next week's discussion will be on RCF and a paper will be shared ahead of the meeting. Updating on barriers, it was noted that there was a CPO workshop on Thursday. The Anthony Browne meeting prior to Christmas was noted to be really useful re. rollout and we received a positive response regarding variability of practice within DNOs and amongst local authority for planning work. He has offered to write to DNOs on this and has asked us to draft. The Secretariat will draft this in the first instance. It was noted that ChargeUK will also be meeting the Scottish Cab Sec this month.
3. VICKY READ spoke on reliability noting that it was time for us to look at this as a group to see what they say. Vicky flagged tomorrow's terminology meeting and encouraged members to get involved. We are now zooming in on the bandings.

ITEM TWO LOOKING AHEAD

4. DAN SIMPSON opened the discussion on Y2 policy priorities and workplan for the year ahead. Providing a quick recap on the all member council, it was noted that ChargeUK will now have a small executive board. The separate Operations group and PCG will be split into Policy Group and Communications Group. We are proposing to have up to five working groups – this currently includes Market Development, Terminology, and On-Street Group.
5. DAN SIMPSON spoke on delivery mechanisms. This year has focused on government engagement, and this will shift to parliamentary engagement as well. There will also be a focus on media and market development activity, as well as research projects.

6. DAN SIMPSON noted proposed priorities – infrastructure deployment, private investment, public investment, consumer experience, market development, horizon scanning. We are suggesting a broad sense of thematic priorities for the year ahead.
7. JAMES MCKEMEY noted that private investment is too specific a phrase and suggested that it should more about commerciality. It was suggested that it should be widened a bit. DAN SIMPSON clarified that it would cover the broad area.
8. DAN SIMPSON spoke through the slides noting what each topic covered.
9. VICKY READ flagged that we need to note that the first two noted priorities have a limited shelf life, and we need to frame the discussion for next Government. DAN SIMPSON noted that it would be a different conversation about public investment with a different Government, so yes important to bare in mind.
10. 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.
11. JAMES MCKEMEY spoke about insurance. The challenge we have is the fire risk issue that is preventing insultation. It is a practical blocker to insultation, as opposed to it being a commercial issue. It needs to be moved to infrastructure deployment.
12. VICKY READ spoke on grading the priorities and things we need to do proactive original work on.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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
 Jarrod 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
 Krisha Indrakumar