

Electric Vehicle Charging Forum

Workplan 2018/19 – December 2018

Introduction

This proposal for the 2018/19 workplan and outputs for the Electric Vehicle Charging Forum includes outputs, workstreams, and a preliminary timeline. Where possible, outputs will be aligned with meetings of the Electric Vehicle Energy Taskforce (EVET).

Background

The Electric Vehicle Charging Forum was established by Energy UK to enable open and frank discussion between charge point operators and create a channel for charge point operators to feed into the work of the EVET.

Proposal

The Electric Vehicle Charging Forum will focus on the following areas, with additional areas to be discussed on an ad hoc basis over the course of 2018/19, including responses to consultations, small papers, and events. The Electric Vehicle Charging Forum will examine ongoing work streams across industry and government in order to inform policy making and promote the uptake of EVs.

- i) **Standards that are fit for purpose**
 - Support and challenge the implementation of the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act and secondary legislation following this, including responding to consultations and coordinating the EV Charging Forum's engagement with Government through the EVET.
 - Gather opinions on acceptable smart charging standards to present a strong, united voice from charge point operators to Government. Ensure that a focus on meeting consumer needs is present in the development of any smart charging solution.
- ii) **Promoting EV adoption**
 - Develop a strong, positive narrative promoting the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) through joint messaging, communications and outputs.
 - Advocate for ambitious Government policy to drive forward a faster rate of uptake of EVs.
 - Promote the low carbon benefits of EVs, including highlighting that the power sector is now increasingly decarbonised.
 - Establish the EV Charging Forum's voice in the electric vehicle discourse, ensuring that participant views are given appropriate weighting in the discussion and that the Forum acts as the de facto place for external stakeholders to communicate with charge point operators.
 - Highlight the importance and opportunities for the uptake of EVs among fleet operators to industry and Government.
- iii) **A supportive regulatory framework**
 - Feed into Energy UK and Genserv work to develop a 'regulatory framework' for EV charging.
 - Inform and engage with ongoing changes to planning policy to ensure that requirements for EV charging connections effectively support the uptake of EVs.
 - Engage with Ofgem work on charging and access and the Charging Futures Forum.
 - Flag and define improvements to DNOs' connection and notification processes for EV charge points to feed into the ENA.
 - Inform and identify alternative cost recovery methods for network upgrades.
- iv) **The role and future of public support**
 - Lay out a vision of a post-subsidy world for EVs, including addressing issues around taxation, fiscal incentives and the regulatory framework.

- Advocate for any removal of public support for low emission vehicles to be tapered and communicated clearly, transparently and ahead of time.
- Ensure that there is a focus on providing certainty and transparency across low carbon transport policy.

Suggested speakers and guests for future meetings include the National Infrastructure Commission, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), Ofgem, National Grid, Innovate UK, the Committee on Climate Change, vehicle manufacturers, fleet operators and representatives from the combined mayoral authority areas.

Timeframe

Quarter 4 - 2018

- First publication to be drafted and presented to the Forum on promoting the benefits of EV adoption and smart tariffs.
- Discussion on topics identified in the Government's EVET programme.
- Meeting schedule for 2019 to be confirmed.
- Forum documents to be published on Energy UK website.

Quarter 1 – 2019

- OLEV to be invited to speak at March meeting.
- Consultation response to OLEV's expected consultation on smart charging standards to be submitted.
- First publication to be published.
- Topic of second paper to be agreed for publication.
- Discussion on topics identified in the Government's EVET programme.

Quarter 2 – 2019

- Speaker and guests for June meeting TBC.
- Second paper to be published.
- Topic of third paper to be agreed for publication
- Discussion on topics identified in the Government's EVET programme.

Quarter 3 – 2019

- Third paper to be published.
- Speakers and guests for September meeting TBC.
- Discussion on topics identified in the Government's EVET programme.