

- advise the RSC directly on issues and opportunities related to their subject, mainly via the Science and Innovation Leadership Forum, Member Communities Board and Professional Standards Board [e.g. funding, conferences, recognition, grants, subject/subfield communities, trends in their subfield];
- collaborate with other Subject Community Councils to identify areas of joint interest and influence the RSC's approach to these areas;
- identify and advocate for issues and opportunities that may span multiple subjects and go beyond the Subject Community Groups [e.g. education, careers, skills, public engagement, inclusion and diversity];
- provide links with external agencies, such as funders and regulators, on matters related to their subject;
- advocate for their subject within the RSC and externally, both nationally and internationally in education, industry, business and with the public;
- review the RSC offering for their subject area, considering long-term financial sustainability, including recommending new activity and areas to stop activity;
- ensure good governance of the Subject Community Council;
- assist on RSC Subject Prize Committees, as required;
- act as an ambassador for the Subject Community;
- safeguard the good name and further the reputation of the Subject Community and the Royal Society of Chemistry as a whole.

Person specification

The following characteristics, knowledge and experience (or commitment to gain them) are advantageous to the role of Subject Community Council Member:

- a member (any category) of the Royal Society of Chemistry and subscribed to the respective Subject Community
- dedication to the general advancement of chemical science and its application
- specific interest and expertise in the subject matter and issues relevant to the Subject Community
- experience of committee work
- developed interpersonal and communication skills
- sufficient time and commitment to fulfil the role
- sound judgement with the ability to listen to and welcome alternative opinions and experiences
- commitment to the values and principles of the Royal Society of Chemistry

Time and commitment

The role of a Subject Community Council Member is a three-year term, starting from the close of the Annual General Meeting which is normally in July each year.

Subject Community Council Members are expected to attend the following meetings:

Meeting	No./yr	When	Where	Duration	Role
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