

Credibility

Integrity has to be an Operating Principle. All members of the new SPP would need to operate with a high degree of personal integrity and this would never change. Members should sign up to a defined code of conduct. A procedure would then need to be in place to assure members abided by the code of conduct.

Co-ordination, complementarity and cost-effectiveness could all be covered in Guidelines as the chemicals landscape will evolve over time, possibly annually. There are many conventions and work programmes that the work of the SPP will connect into, that ideally should be complementary. Chemicals policy is a complex landscape, and we should not spend unnecessary time and resource on making sure duplication is avoided. It is unlikely there will be exact duplication, as work would be of a more complementary and globally holistic nature than other bodies. Guidelines should be produced on how to ensure the work of the SPP provides value for money. Principles and rules on cost has links to inclusivity. 713.98

literature [and (where possible) commercially available data, the confidentiality of which will be respected under the procedures of 'reserved business']:

[A procedure and guidelines will need to be developed for 'reserved business' the handling and inclusion of relevant industry data that would impact on an outcome i

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The Royal Society of Chemistry would be happy to discuss any of the issues raised in our statement in more detail. Any questions should be directed to the RSC Policy & Evidence Team at policy@rsc.org.

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