



## Five Great Ideas for Effective Collaborative Governance Approaches

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#### 1. Define your purpose and principles

- What is the change that our collaborative is hoping to make? (purpose)
- How are we going to work together? What are our working principles?

#### 2. Collaborative governance is about people



#### 3. Design a flexible structure

- As the collaborative grows, things will change
- Be flexible to leverage new opportunities but focused on your core purpose

#### 4. Understand and navigate accountability

- Know who you are responsible to and for what
- Identify what and when reports are required
- Keep your key stakeholders informed – you can never communicate too much

#### 5. Tools can keep your collaborative on track

- Terms of Reference for your key tables
- Agreements or memorandums of understanding
- Plans on a Page which include your purpose and guiding principles

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