**Focused Conversation Script for LA Staff**

**FACILITATOR’S BRIEFING ONLY:**

This is the focus **and** what you are trying to achieve from today’s session

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| * The **situation** is to explore what the challenges are for LA staff to work collaboratively to provide community services * The **rational objective** is to determine the resources and support needed and available as well as the challenges working collaboratively * The **experiential aim** is for participants to feel that their experiences are fairly and accurately listened to |

**THE APPROACH:**

* **Use each question as prompts and add additional questions within that sections type of question.**
* **Encourage contributions through eye contact and asking individuals who have not contributed if they have points**
* **Don’t move to a new sections until you feel the current one has run its natural course**

**THE CONVERSATION:**

**Opening**

* Set the context by linking this sessions approach (asking a series of questions to provoke conversation that is recorded and then analysed) to the opening speeches.

**Objective Questions**

* What do you need to know to make local community run services work?
* What are the pros and cons for you in working this way?
* What do you think is the biggest support need?
* Would support to work collaboratively enable this process to develop?

**Reflective Questions**

* What were the points made on local community run services that puzzle or excite you?
* What would frustrate or benefit you in working in collaboratively with VCS partners?

**Interpretive Questions**

* What would be the easiest things to do when setting up community run services?
* When does working collaboratively work?
* What sort of support would help you the most and the least?

**Decisional Questions**

* What key points would you us feed back to local policy makers?
* What are the implications for you from today’s discussion?
* What are the next steps for LA staff?

**Closing**

Thank people for their contributions. Explain how this transcript will be turned in to a report and that the council will circulate.