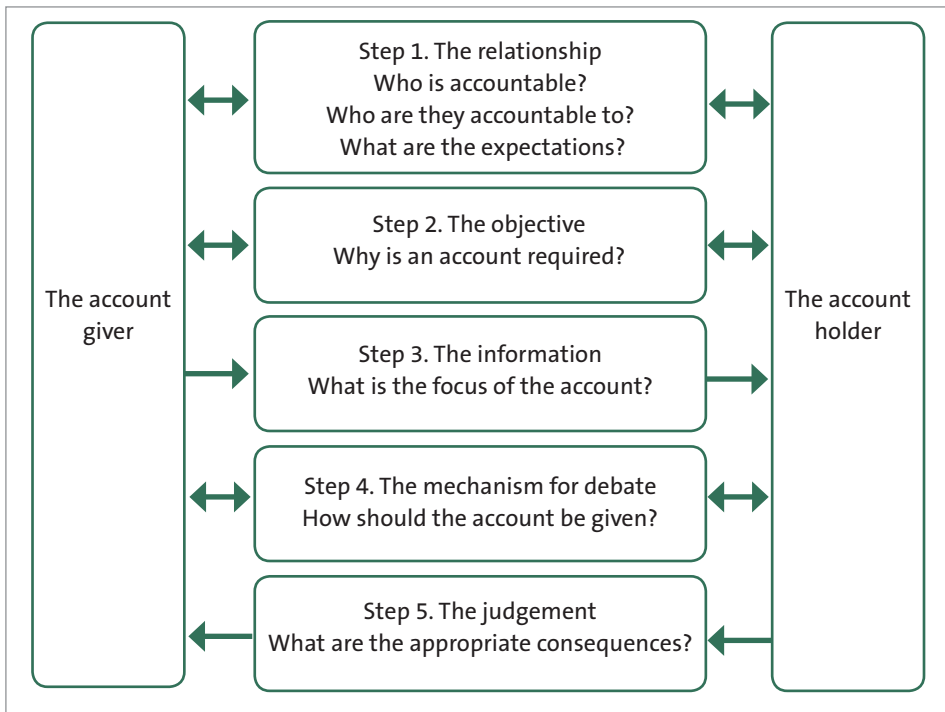


Figure 5 The five essential steps of public accountability

There are five essential steps that are necessary between the account giver and the account holder to establish public accountability – the relationship, the objective, the information, the mechanism for debate, and the judgement.



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