

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Our Zero Selby Citizen Governance Group

This document provides the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about joining the Citizen Governance Group for the Our Zero Selby programme.

What is the Our Zero Selby programme?

[Our Zero Selby](#) is a programme which is focused on how the community can tackle climate change in a way that works for people in Selby. The [first phase of the programme](#) was in 2021 when we developed a community-led vision for reducing carbon emissions and developed a series of project ideas to make this happen.

This year the programme has gained funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to move forward with those [projects which will help tackle climate change](#) factoring in five key themes of skills, jobs, fairness, health and wellbeing for people in Selby. This is an exciting opportunity to start to take action on climate change in a way that positively impacts on local people's lives. One of the key next steps is ensuring local people's voices are heard throughout this work as it moves forward. This is why we are recruiting up to 8 local people to form a Citizen Governance Group for this programme.

What is the Citizen Governance Group and what will it do?

The Citizen Governance Group for the Our Zero Selby programme is a new group of up to 8 residents of Selby who will meet a total of 6 times in-person to provide your perspective as citizens on the direction and progress of the Our Zero Selby programme. **The first meeting of the Citizen Governance Group will take place on Thursday 3rd October 2024, from 3pm-5pm.** We will confirm the venue with you if you are selected to take part and we will liaise with you to schedule the five future meetings.

If you are interested in participating in the Citizen Governance Group but cannot make this time, please let us know by completing the form and saying that in that question. The time for the first meeting is set, but we will be able to work with you to schedule future meetings at a time that works for everyone, including evenings if needed.

The meetings will be designed and facilitated by Involve, who are public engagement specialists, to give you enough information and the right opportunities to share your views.

There are three key purposes for the Citizen Governance Group:

- Governance: Sharing your perspective as a resident of Selby to inform decisions made about how the Our Zero Selby programme is run

- Scrutiny: Scrutinising the project and making sure it develops in a way that works for people in Selby
- Opportunities: Highlighting existing issues and opportunities within Selby to tackle climate change

The Citizen Governance Group will also work alongside another group called the Impact Group who are a group of local stakeholders from the public, private and voluntary sector. The Impact Group's job is to try and ensure that the Our Zero Selby programme has as much positive impact on Selby as possible. The Impact Group will be responsible for listening to what is said by residents on the Citizen Governance Group and ensuring that is reflected in how the programme is delivered. The Impact Group will also at times work with the Citizen Governance Group to develop ideas for how to make the programme work best.

Who can join the Citizen Governance Group? Do they need any special expertise or experience?

Anyone who is a resident of Selby, Barlby, Brayton or Thorpe Willoughby is invited to express their interest in joining the Citizen Governance Group. You do not need to have any specific experience, knowledge or expertise. Your perspective as a resident of the area and an interest in helping Selby tackle climate change in a way that works for local people is all you need to apply. This is a great opportunity to learn more about taking action on climate change and take ownership of what is being done in Selby.

If you cannot apply but would like to share this with someone else who lives in Selby then please do so by sharing the website link, flyer, FAQs or Expression of Interest form with them.

Will I receive compensation for my time in the Citizen Governance Group?

Yes you will receive a £20 voucher, as a thank-you gift, for each Citizen Governance Group meeting which you attend. If you are selected to be on the Citizen Governance Group then we will ask you whether you prefer a voucher from Amazon or a particular supermarket. This will be sent to you by Involve via email after each of the six meetings.

We will also cover reasonable expenses incurred when you travel to and from the meetings.

What will it be like taking part in the Citizen Governance Group?

If you are selected as one of the 8 members of the Citizen Governance Board for Our Zero Selby then you will be attending 6 in-person meetings between late 2024 - early 2026. The

date of the first meeting has been confirmed as Thursday 3rd October 2024, from 3pm-5pm. We will liaise with you to schedule future meetings.

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Each meeting will be facilitated by a professional facilitator from Involve and will also have some of the team from Our Zero Selby programme attending in order to listen to what you have to say. You will hear updates about the progress of the programme and its projects, be asked about your opinions on local challenges and priorities and give your insight on what you think will work for the people of Selby.

Involve will make sure that each meeting is run in a friendly and accessible way, where the focus is on the local knowledge and experience you have of living in Selby. We will also ensure that the meetings are held in a venue which is physically accessible for everyone and the meetings contain activities which cater for everyone's different learning styles.

When and where will the meetings of the Citizen Governance Group?

The meetings will be held in-person at a venue in Selby. The date of the first meeting has been confirmed as Thursday 3rd October 2024, from 3pm-5pm. We will contact you in the future to confirm the other five meeting dates well in advance. The meetings will take place in a community venue in Selby. If you join the Citizen Governance Group you will be expected to commit to attending every meeting that you can.

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What is the process for joining the Citizen Governance Group?

[You can complete this Expression of Interest form by clicking here.](#) This will take you to a Google Form where you will be asked a little bit about yourself. The deadline to do this is 9am on Tuesday 27th August. After that we will randomly select up to 8 people who reflect the population of Selby to join the Citizen Governance Group. If you are selected we will email you to confirm this and inform you of the next steps. If you are not selected then we will email you to let you know. If there are dropouts then we may contact you to invite you to replace someone in the group.

