

# A View of LCC Strategic Plan 2022-26 in the context of MBC Strategy 2020-24

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# Summary

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# Purpose of this analysis

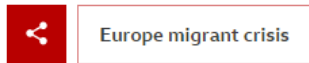
- Have our say, in relation Melton Transition Aims, as part of Leicestershire County Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 consultation
- Recognising the dual Local Authorities responsibilities the analysis attempts to provide an integrated response to LCC and MBC Visions
- Recommend action to close the gaps and deliver opportunities for improvement

# Context: just one symptom of the problem

## Migrant tragedy is biggest loss of life in Channel

By Alex Therrien  
BBC News

25 November 2021



A French volunteer sea rescue organisation boat carrying bodies of migrants arrived at Calais harbour

- L'Auberge des Migrants has been working with refugees and displaced people in Calais and the surrounding area since 2008
- Since dismantling of the Jungle the situation has become more precarious for refugees. While there are fewer people, living conditions have become more extreme
- The disappearance of the slum also meant the end of vital shelters, making refugees and exiled people in the area more vulnerable, and with more significant material needs
- While now only around 1,000 to 2,000 exiled people live in the area, human, material and financial resources have greatly diminished. The end of the Jungle led to the departure of most of the volunteers, and the end of material and financial collection for refugees in Calais

# The ultimate challenge facing humankind

How to create a dynamic balance between:

- Delivering a decent standard of living for everyone
- While living within our environmental limits

See [Kate Raworth on TED](#)

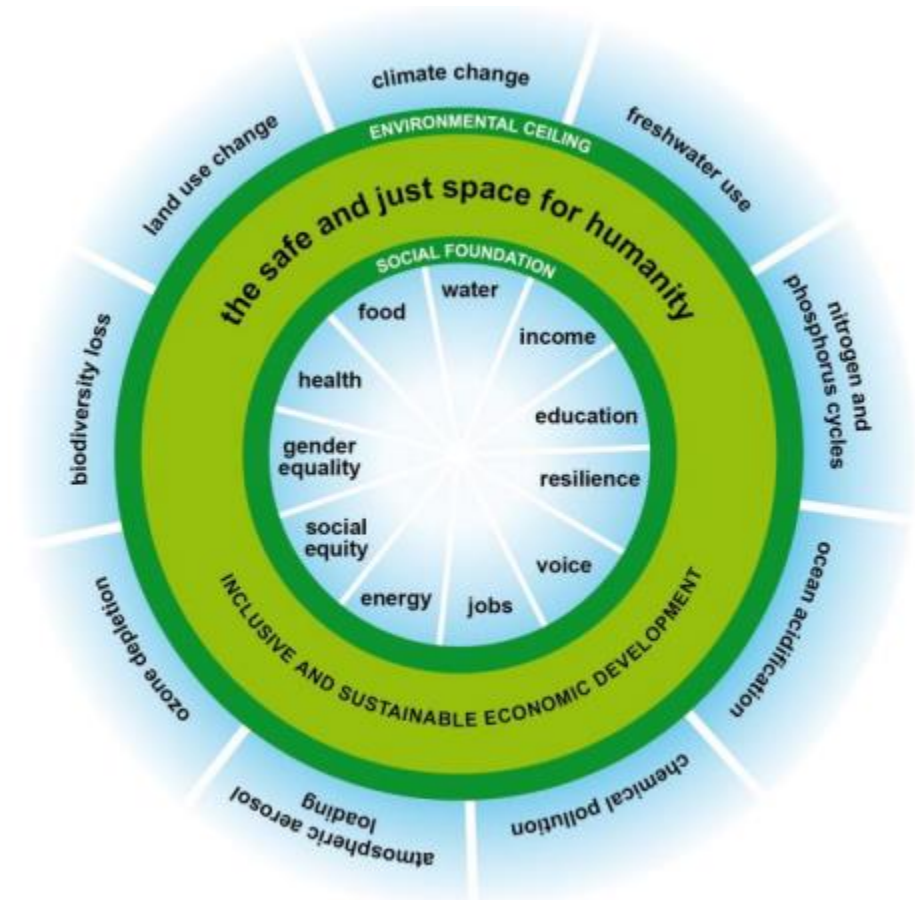
This underpins the Transition Town movement

Visit our website: [Melton Transition](#)

# The just and sustainable solution

The Doughnut model visualizes a space between two surfaces:

- Environmental sustainability
- Social justice



# UK Doughnut demonstrates we are both environmentally unsafe and socially unjust

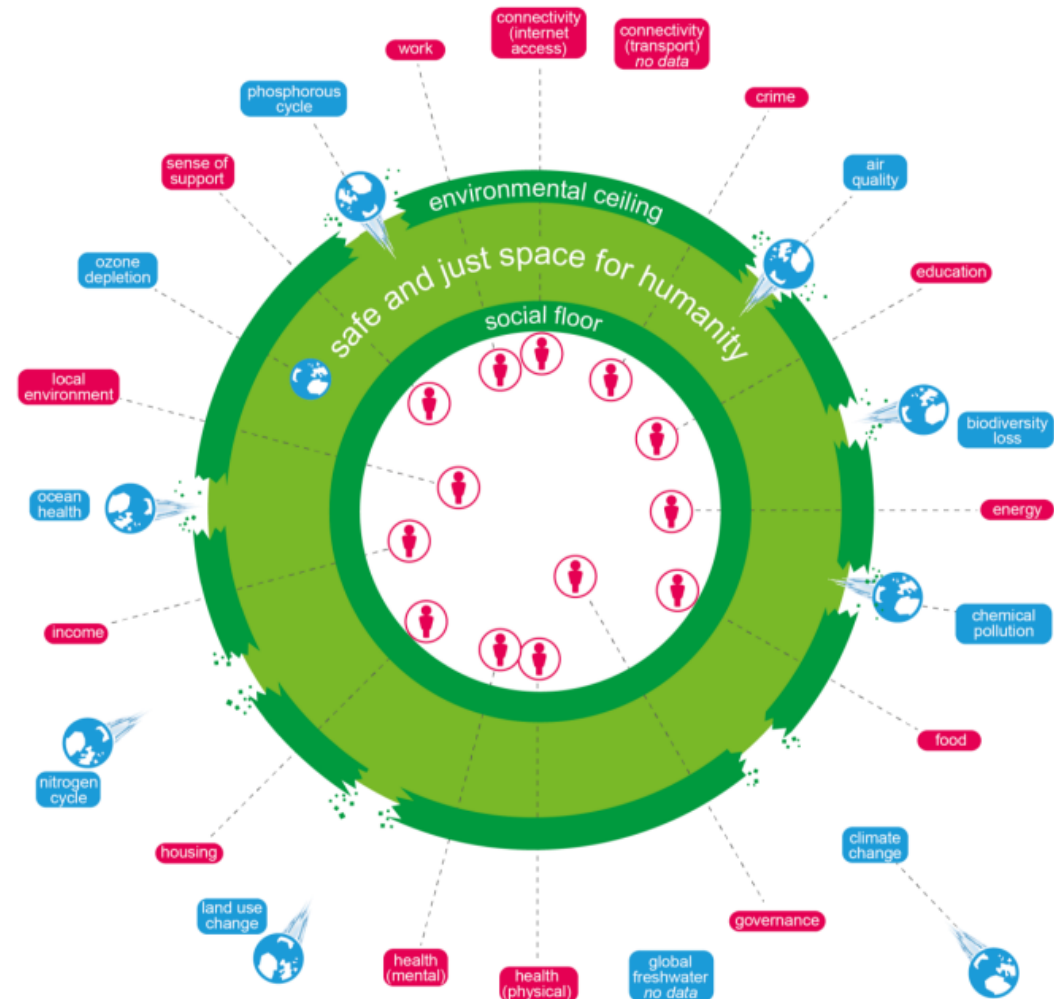
- [The UK Doughnut: A framework for environmental sustainability and social justice](#)

## Local Environment

52% of people access the natural environment less than once per week

## Governance

59% of people feel they have no say in what the government does





# Basis of our analyses – the Four Lenses

	SOCIAL	ECOLOGICAL
LOCAL	What impact does the good have on people in different income groups? Does it or does it not improve inequality?	What impact does the good have on the local environment? Does it, for example, decrease pollution?
GLOBAL	What impact does the good have on the livelihoods of people globally?	What impact does the good have on the earth? Does it, for example, decrease carbon emissions?

## [Four Lenses – 21st Century Economics](#)

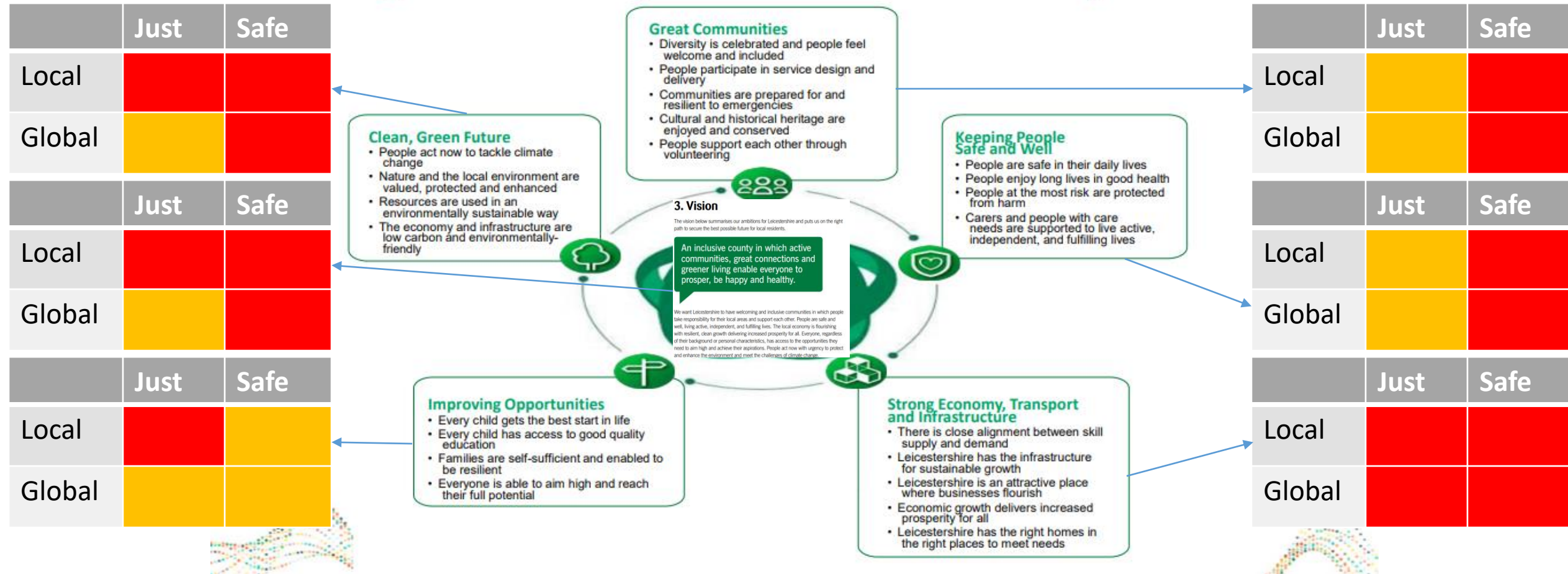
KEY	Social	Ecological
Local	Melton Mowbray	
Global	The United Kingdom	

	Increased Justice	Increased Safety
	Little impact on Justice	Little impact on Safety
	Decreased Justice	Decreased Safety

# MT view of LCC Strategic Plan – how does clean growth deliver increased prosperity for all?

See pdf for our detailed views

## Strategic Outcomes (Vision for Leicestershire)



# Considering all of the strategic priorities and outcomes that will impact on Melton

LCC	MBC	Local	
		Just	Safe
Vision	Vision	<b>History shows us that Growth, of itself, never creates a fairer distribution of resources</b>	<b>Green Growth might be possible when everything is sustainable; but not in the next 4 years</b>
	Connected with and led by our community (outward)	<b>It doesn't specify how to engage users (customers) in service design and delivery</b>	<b>To date there has been no direct engagement with Melton Transition</b>
Clean, green future	Protect climate and enhance rural, natural environment	<b>Very woolly outcomes that are not supported by specific goals and measure</b>	<b>Laudable ambitions; but circular economy should start with Council services and 3rd parties</b>
Strong economy, transport and infra	Delivering sustainable and inclusive growth in Melton	<b>Public transport has been woefully underfunded for many years; increase in spending is miniscule</b>	<b>MCP provides access to the natural environment; MBC / LCC plans will make this just a town park</b>
Great communities	Excellent services positively impacting on our communities	<b>Things like "end poverty" or "zero hunger" do not feature; ref: <a href="#">UN Sustainable Development</a></b>	<b>Missing specific responses to the current climate emergency; and using engagement as opportunity</b>
Improving opportunities		<b>You can't recycle Sure Start after you've already consigned it to the land fill of policy history</b>	<b>Assumes that those in need won't contribute to environmental sustainability</b>
Keeping people safe and well	High quality council homes and landlord services	<b>Need to be tougher on the root causes of crime and deprivation as income inequality rises</b>	<b>No ownership for enhancing sustainability in social care and housing</b>
Strategic Change Portfolio	Ensuring the right conditions to support delivery	<b>Reducing cost whilst increasing citizen value does not mean a net increase in value</b>	<b>Finance focused. LCC NZC 2030 Plan is quite ambitious but only addresses their own operations</b>

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# Next steps

- Identify Points of Contact for engagement with LCC
  - [Ashley.Epps@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Ashley.Epps@leics.gov.uk) Senior Policy Officer
- Identify Points of Contact for engagement with MBC
  - [Alex.Coy@melton.gov.uk](mailto:Alex.Coy@melton.gov.uk)
- Develop the Doughnut / Sustainability tool
- Agree how to create the portrait