



## THE RED SCENARIOS

Below is an outline of four scenarios, each with two external factors; i.e. factors affecting the whole of the UK — but not necessarily Birmingham.

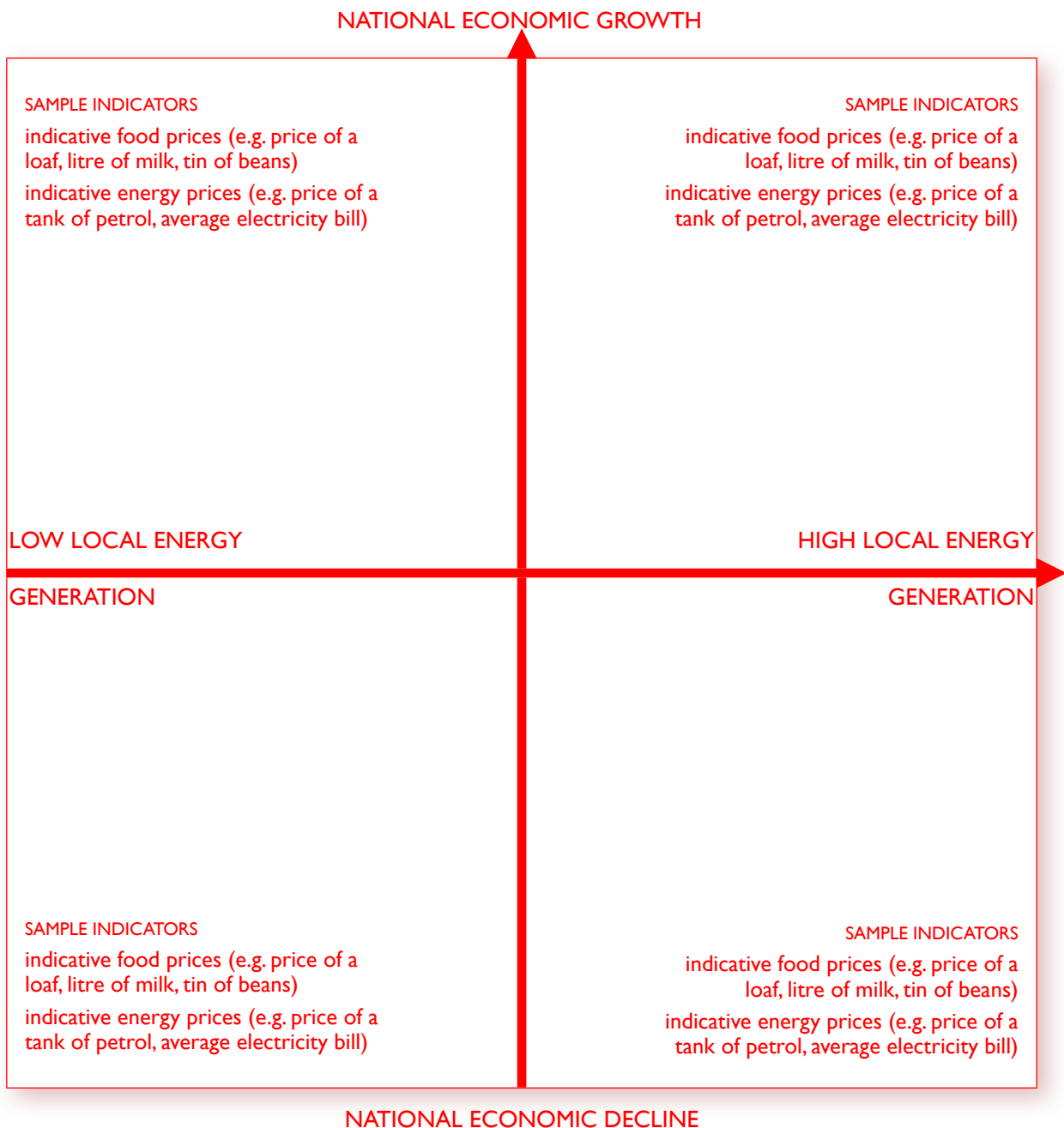
Your task, should you wish to accept it, is to populate each scenario in the following manner:

- ◆ Imagine yourself in 2050 living in Birmingham UK.
- ◆ Choose one of the scenarios on one of the following pages. Then read this blogpost:
- ◆ In 100-200 words, describe what's happening at a typical get-together with your friends or family in this future.

- ◆ Repeat the story-telling for the other three quadrants on the other three pages.
- ◆ Then choose a wildcard from the list at <http://newoptimists.com/the-forum/generating-the-scenarios/scenario-wildcards/>. Jot down your first thoughts about its impact, or not, on the story you've just told.



*note:* If you want to, do please add precise figures to the sample indicators, but at today's prices. It's likely that each scenario will have different figures for each indicator.



# 2050 scenario I

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<http://newoptimists.com/2012/07/15/communities-self-sufficient-in-waste-energy/>

## national economic growth

## low local energy generation

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Describe it from your perspective . . . what's happening, what the conversation is about, what everyone is optimistic about

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What's your wildcard?

On a scale from 1 (little or no change) to 10 (makes it impossible) what's the level of impact on this scenario?

Other comments:

# 2050 scenario 2

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