

Managing Your Sustainability

Short term developments

Chris Murphy:

In terms of technologies we...I think we'll be investing in at the front end, more sophisticated sorting and segregation of waste. So that we have a more, a modulus product with, with higher value, better standard and can go straight to market.

The other end I think we'll be investing more in anaerobic digestion for organic waste, food waste, commercial food waste and catering wastes. This is established technology, its modular in size, it's low investment and also it produces an energy product – a gas which goes straight to the main.

I think on a more social level I think partnerships a great use of partnerships. So we all have traditionally partnerships between the public and the private sector in terms of delivery of services and financing. I think there'll be more joint arrangements with partnership working within local authorities.

I think we'll see significant changes with, between now and 2020 in terms of waste management. I think also we'll see, because we have to meet certain targets for diversion of waste from landfill, we'll see a lot less use of landfill by 2020. And then it will only be for the intransigent waste which, which we can't use and possibly even just for the bottom ash out of an incineration plant.

I think long-term we need closed loop recycling so packaging materials go back into be packaging materials in terms of plastic. Steel or aluminium and that sort of thing are reprocessed in this country anyway.

So we, we retain these, these valuable resources and they are valuable resources