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THE PHONE CO-OP WINS TAMWORTH CO-OP TELECOMS CONTRACT

Staffordshire-based Tamworth Co-operative Society has appointed The Phone Co-op to supply its telephone calls service.

The contract covers all outbound call traffic for the Society's 90 or so lines, installed in its 14 convenience food stores, department store, two fashion outlets, garage and petrol station, and nine funeral branches. In all, The Phone Co-op's services will be supporting over 360 members of staff.

Tamworth Co-op appointed The Phone Co-op following the end of the co-operative's existing contract with BT.

Julian Coles, Chief Executive Officer at Tamworth Co-op, commented, "We are delighted that by choosing The Phone Co-op we have been able to choose not only a more commercially advantageous option, but also to support another co-operative with similar values and principles to our own."

Guy Ohlenschlager, business sales manager of The Phone Co-op, added, "We are committed to working with other co-operatives wherever possible, both as suppliers and customers, and are delighted that Tamworth Co-op has awarded us this contract, which enables us to extend our penetration of the consumer co-operative sector, something we hope to continue in the year ahead."

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Notes to editors:

Tamworth Co-operative Society was formed in 1886 and now consists of a large department store, a major supermarket, 14 convenience stores, 3 non-food stores, a petrol station and 9 funeral service offices. The society has an annual turnover of nearly £24 million

For more information, visit www.tamworth.coop

The Phone Co-op is the UK's only telecommunications co-operative, procuring telecommunications services on behalf of its customers, many of whom are co-operatives, charities and other not-for-profit organisations. The Phone Co-op's service has been taken up by over 15,000 customers, including Midcounties, Channel Islands, Southern, East of England, and Radstock Co-operative Societies, Suma Wholefoods, Christian Aid, Amnesty International, Triodos Bank, the Centre for Alternative Technology, Salford City Council and Unison. As a co-operative owned by its customer members, The Phone Co-op distributes any profits which are not re-invested back to members via a dividend based on each member's spend and through a loan fund which supports other co-operatives. For more information, visit www.thephone.coop

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