

## Chris Welcomes Tougher Penalties for Litter Louts

Tamworth MP Christopher Pincher this week welcomed the Government's new litter strategy which means culprits of littering could be fined up to Â£150 if caught.

At the moment fines for littering are set by local councils and range from Â£50-Â£80. In Tamworth the cost of cleaning up litter is Â£960,000 per year to the Council.

The fines will help build on measures to better distribute public bins, making it easier to throw away rubbish, and the recommendation that offenders on community sentences help to clear up fly-tipped waste.

The Government has stated that it wants this generation to be the first to leave the environment in a better state than it was found, and that tackling litter is a key priority.

Mr Pincher commented:

"Litter is something that affects us all in Tamworth and the surrounding villages. It blights our town centre, rivers, roads, villages and lanes. It is frankly a lazy habit which every taxpayer picks up the bill for.

"The Litter Strategy will make it easier for people to get rid of litter properly in Tamworth, creating an anti-littering culture and introducing tougher enforcement measures to hit thoughtless litter louts in the pocket."