

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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**FORMER BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO OUTLET,  
45 MARKET STREET, COLNE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- (1) To report on the condition of the building.
- (2) To agree how to take the condition and use of the building forward.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That report be noted.
- (2) That the owners of the building again be contacted and asked for their plans for the future of the building.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order that the Council considers and proactively improves the condition and use of buildings in Colne Town centre

**ISSUE**

- 1 The Blockbuster chain of stores ran into difficulty for a second time in November 2013. All stores closed by the end of 2013. The Colne outlet is a large and prominent unit which sits on a corner site next to the library. It is a three storey stone building with a type of mansard roof. It has a blue coloured shop front with blue painted windows above.
- 2 The first report on the condition of the building was taken to Committee in December 2014. Since then the agents of the owners have been contacted to enquire about the status of the building. Pearl has also considered the building and whether it was viable to secure it as a commercial venture.

- 3 There also continues to be interest from potential operators who we have put in touch with the agents. This has not however resulted in the property being re-let or purchased despite it remaining on the market.
- 4 The building is deteriorating externally with paint flaking off it and vegetation growing from a window. There are now merits in considering serving a section 215 notice although in its current condition it is not clear cut that a notice would be successful.
- 5 It is recommended that the owners are formally contacted to seek a resolution to securing a use for the building with the weight of an authorisation behind that contact to serve a section 215 notice if the building is not better maintained.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Policy:</b>	None
<b>Financial:</b>	None
<b>Legal:</b>	None
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None
<b>Health and Safety:</b>	None
<b>Sustainability:</b>	None
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	None