United Reformed Church South Western Synod Information Sheet 1

INTRODUCTION & INDEX

**Introduction**

This range of Information Sheets is intended for the benefit of Elders, Ministers and all those concerned with the management of United Reformed Church property, particularly in the South Western Synod.

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Legislation affecting churches has grown enormously since we produced “Church Property, Care Procedures, Guidance”, (affectionately known as the *Pink Book* because of the colour of its covers) in the 1990s. We have also had to removes references to the PLATO (Property Legal and Trust Officers) Property Handbook, which is no longer maintained by the URC.

Those responsible for Church property are reminded that under the URC Acts, any alterations or works to church property (churches or manses) requires Synod consent if they might alter the character, value or appearance of the building. Consent may be obtained on application to the Synod Property Committee.

Copies of the various Information Sheets and forms referred to therein are available to download from the Synod website [www.urcsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.urcsouthwest.org.uk)), or from the Synod Office. Online versions of the Information Sheets will be reviewed regularly, and churches are encouraged to access the latest versions online.

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