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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROCESSING OF LAND USE AND BUILDING PLAN APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING THE CORE FESTIVE PERIOD FROM 11 DECEMBER 2026 – 10 JANUARY 2027.

In the interest of fair administrative processes for prescribed processes and public participation in particular, the following arrangements were approved by Council:

1. The final day for the submission of any applications will be 11 December 2026 at 16h00. The **AFLA Portal for BPAMS + TPAMS** for the submission of all applications **WILL BE CLOSED** from the 12th of December 2026 and will reopen on the morning of 11 January 2027.

2. The last day for any request for building inspections and certificates of occupancy will be 8 December 2026, after which new request for building inspections and certificates of occupancy will only be entertained from the 11th January 2027.

3. The final day on which any land use and land development decision will be communicated is 24 November 2026, which will permit a fair opportunity for the submission of any appeal within the stipulated 21-day period before the start of the holidays and the closing of businesses. Any decision on a land use and land development application that is taken after this date will only be communicated when the core festive period ends on 11 January 2027.

4. If the period of any advertisement for a land use and land development application coincides with the core festive period, the period of the core festive season will be disregarded and the advertisement period accordingly extended in order to permit a fair opportunity for any interested and affected party to consider and submit inputs on the subject application.

5 The core festive period will also be disregarded for the purpose of the calculation of any prescribed period in the processing of a subject application.

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