

SUMMARY



Date considered: 09 August 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of 10 years 8 months, comprised of a custodial term of 6 years 8 months and an extended period of supervision on licence of 4 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to consider whether it remains necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender should be confined.

Decision

3. The Board was not satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the Board considered:
 - a) the circumstances of the index offence, and any offending history;
 - b) formal risk assessments prepared on the prisoner;
 - c) the prisoner's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
 - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
 - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. There is no evidence that the offender would present a risk of serious harm to the community, even when they are under the influence of substances.
6. The Board agreed that the offender understands their triggers, and their plans for seeking support if any issues arise while they are on licence. The Board readily accepts that relapses do occur for those who have a history of substance misuse, and the offender has dealt with the aftermath of that in a positive way. The offender is engaged with addiction services in both the community and the prison, and the offender is motivated and engaged to comply with their licence, and to engage with the supports open to them.
7. The Board agree that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public from serious harm that the offender continues to be confined