

## SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 16 August 2022

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 16 years.

### **Test for release**

2. Before it could direct release, the Board had to be satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should be confined.

### **Decision**

3. The Board was 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 offender;
  - c) the offender's conduct since sentence, and intentions if released;
  - d) all relevant information in the dossier; and
  - e) the evidence heard at the hearing.
5. The Tribunal considered that the offender and their Supervising Officer (SO) provided reliable and credible evidence that the offender's risk to the public has reduced to the extent that they are ready to be returned to the community.
6. The offender has complied with every requirement of staff and of their SO. They have undertaken a number of home leaves with no concerns. The offender engages well with staff and other professionals in the community. They have undertaken a community work placement in the community. The offender has made efforts to distance themselves from negative peers and provided reliable and credible evidence that they have the skills to do so in future. Furthermore, the offender has not been violent in custody for 20 years and the Tribunal also considered this provided evidence of their ability to make good decisions and avoid violence.
7. In all the circumstances, the Tribunal directed the prisoner's release on licence conditions which are lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage his risk.