

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 01 November 2023

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 11 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the panel 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 panel was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the panel 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 panel had regard to the offender's very serious index offence, and their previous convictions. The panel also had regard to the previous occasions that the offender has been released on life licence, all of which resulted in their recall to prison.
6. However, the panel also attached weight to the offender's recent good conduct in prison. This has included testing in the community, from the Open Estate. Having regard to the suitability of their proposed accommodation, the prison-based and community-based social workers consider that it is suitable and all now support release.
7. Having regard to all of the evidence, the panel was persuaded that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the offender remains in prison. On that basis, the panel directs release subject to the licence conditions previously intimated.