

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 12 October 2022

### Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 12 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 offender previously presented well at their Tribunal in June 2022 and did so again at this hearing. The Supervising Officer (SO) gave credible and reliable evidence that the offender's risk of harm could be managed in the community. The Tribunal was impressed by her knowledge of the offender and the preparations which have been made to support them on release.
6. The offender has done well in custody and the SO did not consider that there was anything to be gained by them spending time at the Open Estate before release. The Tribunal agrees.
7. In the hearing, the offender appeared to understand what was required of them on licence. They have used their time in custody on this occasion to reflect on their triggers and risk factors. Both they and their SO are aware of the warning signs of their escalating risk and the Tribunal was satisfied that action would be taken by their SO before the public was exposed to any significant harm.
8. In all the circumstances, the Tribunal directed his release on licence.