

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 25 July 2023

### **Sentence**

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 15 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 committed a serious, violent offence. They had a number of previous convictions, many of which related to assault. The offender has been of good behaviour in prison. They have progressed to the open estate where they have had the opportunity to be tested in the community. There have been no suspected breaches and no concerns raised about their conduct or behaviour. There has been no violence.
6. The offender was open in their responses to questions from the panel. They acknowledged their significant risk factors. The offender had insight into the fact that they would be subject to supervision and licence conditions if released and was willing to comply with any restrictions placed upon them. The offender has now had sufficient testing in the community to satisfy the panel that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public that they should be confined.