

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 26 September 2023

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an extended sentence of 7 years and 8 months, comprised of a custodial term of 4 years and 8 months and an extended period of supervision on licence of 3 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the panel 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 panel was not 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 has engaged in custody and has undertaken home leaves on a number of occasions without any adverse circumstances arising. He is not suspected of drug misuse or misbehaviour in or out of prison.
6. Both social workers support release and the community based social worker, in particular, considered the offenders assessed level of risk in the community, in terms of managing that risk and identifying any changes.
7. The panel considered the offenders risk of causing serious harm and the sufficient supervision which is in place to manage and monitor risk and promptly recall the offender to custody if need be.
8. Accordingly, the Board directed release on licence conditions which it deemed lawful, necessary and proportionate to manage the offender's level of risk in the community