

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 30 May 2023

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 13 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 noted the seriousness of the index offence along with previous convictions. The offender was released on life licence in 2018 and was recalled within a short period.
6. However, the panel also has to have regard to the fact that the offenders punishment part expired in 2018. They have now spent a period at the Open Estate, where they have undertaken community access without any issues. The offender presented as being motivated to comply with supervision, take support where it was needed, and to live a prosocial lifestyle. Having regard to the testing they have undertaken, their evidence at the hearing, and the support of the prison-based and community-based social workers for their release, the panel was satisfied that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that he remained in prison. The panel directed the offenders release, subject to the previously intimated licence conditions.