

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 03 November 2023

### Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 9 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 was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a punishment part of 9 years.
6. The offender was released on life licence in 2013, and recalled to custody in 2016. They were subsequently released again in 2019 and recalled to custody in 2023.
7. There were concerns in relation to similarities between the most recent recall, and their previous recall in terms of disengagement with supervision. It is positive that they recognise the mistakes they made and that they should have sought support. The offender had been in the community for a significant period prior to their recall. Prior to the immediate period which resulted in their recall to custody, they had progressed well in demonstrating stability within the community.
8. The panel accepted the evidence of the Community Based Social Worker (CBSW) in support of the offender's release. There is a detailed risk management plan and licence conditions. It appears that the offender is building a positive working relationship with their CBSW. There is no evidence of recent substance misuse and no current concerns in relation to negative associates. Having regard to the above factors, the panel was satisfied that it was no longer

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necessary for the protection of the public that the offender should continue to be confined and directed his release subject to the previously intimated licence conditions.

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