

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 04 March 2024

### **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 has not engaged with any offence focused work to address their offending behaviour. They are unlikely to engage meaningfully with any such work in the future.
6. The offender has however engaged with supervision in the community. They have complied with licence conditions when on home leave. It is also clear that they did not breach any of the conditions of his interim liberation between their release from prison and their conviction following the re-trial of the index offence.
7. The panel accepts the evidence that seriously harmful offending only appears likely if the offender's circumstances change. With appropriate levels of monitoring, it appears that this risk can currently be managed and therefore released the offender on licence conditions.