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Date considered: 30 May 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.

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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 does not have a pervasive history of violence and they have progressed through the prison system to the Open Estate by the end of their punishment part. The offender currently does not appear to have any issues with their risk factors which have been stable for a number of years.
6. The panel was satisfied that the offender no longer poses a substantial risk of serious harm and it therefore considered that it is no longer necessary for them to remain confined.
7. The panel noted the offer of full-time employment upon release, which will provide the offender with structure. The panel considered that this would be a significantly supportive factor for them in the community.
8. The panel considered that the offender's response in relation to an adverse circumstance incident in custody in May 2023 demonstrated that they are capable of implementing good decision-making when the need to.
9. The panel also considered that the community risk management plan with comprehensive supervision, monitoring and support would quickly pick up on any

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emerging risk factors and that any concerns of increased risk could be dealt with swiftly.

10. 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.