

## DECISION SUMMARY



**Date considered:** 27 November 2024

### Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 14 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.
1. The index offence was very serious, but committed now a considerable period of time ago. Since then, The offender has progressed through the prison estate and has progressed to the open estate several times.
2. The offender had engaged in a significant amount of community access, there had been challenges for them, and there had been downgrades to closed conditions. Despite these, The offender had not engaged in any more violence since the index offence.
3. The offender gave evidence, and it was clear from their evidence that they had appropriate plans for how they will deal with their triggers.
4. The recommendations from the Probation Board were process driven, and inflexible when it came to the core issues for the tests for release in this case. The offender had not engaged in violent offending or any kind of violent behaviour since the index offence.
5. The offender had demonstrated that they can walk away when confrontation arises now, and that they can manage these situations now without resorting to

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violence. The offender had significant community access without any issues relative to the test for release arising. The offender plans for release were realistic

5. In all the circumstances and for the reasons outlined, the panel concluded that The offender meets the test for release and therefore directs release from prison on licence.

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