

DECISION SUMMARY



Date considered: 16 December 2024

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 12 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 received a life sentence for murder. Whilst the offender demonstrated a past risk of harm to the public, there is no evidence to suggest that they demonstrate such a risk.
6. The offender was recalled to custody in late 2023. They have no outstanding matters and all reports suggested that their behaviour and conduct have been positive. Social workers are supportive of release. The social workers spoke of the offender having had a positive experience in the community during the last period of their release. The offender engaged well with management and supervision.
7. Taking all of the information available to it into account, the panel is satisfied that the legal test for release is met and it directs release.