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Date considered: 24 January 2025

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 18 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 was convicted of murder and attempted murder. They were sentenced to life imprisonment with a punishment part of 20 years, which was subsequently reduced to 18 years on appeal.
6. The offender had progressed through National Top End and the Open Estate . The offender has accessed periods of escorted and unescorted leaves including attendance at a Community Work Placement and home leaves with no adverse circumstance reports.
7. The panel accepted the written and oral evidence of the prison based social worker and the community based social worker. They supported the offender's release at this time.
8. The offender had demonstrated no recent anger, aggression or violence. The offender appeared to have complied with licence conditions whilst in the community and had not breached prison rules. The offender had undertaken programme work and it was assessed that they had done well to respond to this. There were no recent concerns in relation to association with negative peers. The offender had demonstrated an ability to utilise coping strategies. The

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offender had a good working relationship with the community based social worker. The offender had plans for release. There is a detailed risk management plan and licence conditions for their release to the community.

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