

SUMMARY



Date considered: 29 September 2021

Sentence

1. The offender is serving an indeterminate sentence, of which the minimum term in custody was 13 years.

Test for release

2. Before it could direct release, the Board 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 Board was satisfied on this matter, and directed release subject to licence conditions.

Reasons for decision

4. In reaching its decision, the Board 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 had continued to engage positively at the Open Estate. They had complied fully with the prison regime and there were no reports of negative behaviour, substance misuse or incidents of violence. They had undertaken home leaves and work placements without incident and had engaged fully with those tasked with their management.
6. The offender had continued to engage with identified support. A robust risk management plan was in place in the community to assist with their identified needs. The offender displayed understanding of their needs and their requirement to comply with support services, and also demonstrated insight into their risks and the challenges ahead in the community.
7. Both prison-based and community-based social work were supportive of release; the Board concurred with their recommendation, and directed release subject to licence conditions.