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# Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The meeting will be held at **7.00 pm** on **12 September 2023**

**Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL.**

## Membership:

Councillors Elizabeth Rigby (Chair), Sara Muldowney (Vice-Chair), Qaisar Abbas, Vikki Hartstean, Srikanth Panjala and Maureen Pearce

Sarah Barlow, Church of England Representative  
Kim James, Chief Operating Officer, HealthWatch Thurrock  
Nicola Cranch, Parent Governor Representative

## Substitutes:

Councillors Paul Arnold, Aaron Green, James Halden, Susan Little, Sue Shinnick and Cici Manwa

## Agenda

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| <b>1 Apologies for Absence</b>   |               |
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| To approve as a correct record the minutes of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2023.  |               |
| <b>3 Items of Urgent Business</b>  |               |
| To receive additional items that the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. To agree any relevant briefing notes submitted to the Committee. |               |

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