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Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Deficit Position 2022/23

The Council had a deficit position of £21.473m at the beginning of the 2022/23 financial year. During the financial year, finance have continued to review the charges made against the DSG, whilst the service has worked on making savings where possible.

The Council presented to the Department for Education (DfE) at a meeting on 3 April 2023, the anticipated deficit position for 2022/23 of £18.786m. This was following a contribution from the general fund to ensure that spending was contained within the High Needs Block for the financial year.

The Council's financial accounts have now been prepared with the DSG deficit position at the end of the 2022/23 financial year (pre audit) is £18.601m, an improved position of £0.185m from that previously reported. This outturn position is after a £0.895m contribution of general fund resources.

The work on the PSV workstreams and reducing expenditure is paramount in ensuring a balanced position in the High Needs Block and a continued reduction in the carried forward DSG deficit position.