

Bury Council

Department for Children and Young People

For information

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Deficit Position 2023-24

The Council had a deficit position of £18.601m at the beginning of the 2023-24 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.

Due to the ongoing significant demand for high needs funding, the Council has agreed a revised DSG deficit recovery plan with the Department for Education (DfE), which extends the period for deficit recovery until 2028-29.

The Council's financial accounts have now been prepared with the DSG deficit position at the end of the 2023-24 financial year (pre audit) standing at £18.459m, an improved position of £0.141m

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.

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