

Bury Council

## **Department for Children and Young People**

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### **For information**

## **Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Deficit Position 2024-25**

The Council had a deficit position of £18.459m at the beginning of the 2024-25 financial year. During the financial year, the service has worked on making savings where possible, whilst facing increased demand.

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 2024-25 financial year (pre audit) standing at £19.041m, an increased deficit position of £0.582m.

The work on the PSV workstreams, and reducing expenditure in future years, 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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