

Thanks Minister, says Civic Trust

THE £100,000 BUDGET allocation to Limerick Civic Trust was a "bolt out of the blue" for the director, Mr. Denis Leonard, but for the Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael Noonan, it was his "good deed" for the day.

The Minister had intervened on behalf of the trust when EEC funds were not forthcoming for projects such as the restoration of the Potato Market and the Custom House bridge.

"Now," said a delighted Mr. Leonard, "our hand has been improved when we go to the EEC seeking assistance. When they ask what support the Government is giving us, we will have a good answer for them.

"We can thank the Minister for Justice for this one."

Delighted

Mr. Noonan said that he was delighted to be associated with the grant which would enable the trust "to continue its magnificent work in preserving Limerick's long and proud heritage."

He understood, he said, that the grant would be used in the restoration of the Potato Market and the bridge to the Custom House, both in the inner city area.

This grant was additional, Mr. Noonan said, to the inner city renewal incentives now being pursued by the Government.

The decision to grant special aid to the trust was, he

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£3 MILLION BOOST FOR CITY ROADS AND BRIDGE

ROAD DEVELOPMENTS in Limerick city have been allocated £3.156 million in the Budget.

The allocations were welcomed by Deputy Frank Prendergast who said that the £2¼ million grant for Mallow Street bridge meant that work could now proceed on the project.

Roundabout

£260,000 was also included for the roundabout at Watchhouse Cross, £130,000 for developments at Childers Road and Arthurs' Quay, and £100,000 for the Northern Ring Road.

Deputy Prendergast said that there was an obvious input by the Labour Party in the Budget which saw "a significant shift in the burden of



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taxation away from the PAYE sector." Mothers and children would be major beneficiaries of the Budget, he said, and he described as "a very welcome gesture of State approval" the £100,000 grant to the Limerick Civic Trust.